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TOMMY COMES HOME



BY DAVID JACK

TOMMY McCULLOCH is due to fly home to Sydney today after yet another abortive attempt to break into full-time professional football in the UK.

McCulloch's high hopes of signing as a pro for Scottish Premier Division team, Hibernian, were dashed last week when the Edinburgh club made its assessment of his trial period at Easter Road.

According to Tommy's dad, former Pan Hellenic midfielder George McCulloch, Hibs were prepared to offer the youngster a contract - but flatly refused to pay any transfer fee for him.

"It is very disappointing for the lad after he worked so hard to do well over the past few months," said George over the weekend.

"He is not trialling anywhere else in the UK and we expect him to arrive at Sydney Airport on Tuesday."

It now seems the only course for Tommy McCulloch - former captain of Australia's Youth side - is to try to settle his differences with Apia Leichhardt and win back his maroon and blue jersey with that club.

He would probably prefer a transfer to another team in the Olympic Airways National League, but does any club have the sort of cash such a move would entail?

Last year, Apia paid Marconi \$22,000 for the player and also handed over a sizeable signing-on fee.

Apia cannot be blamed for wanting to recoup most of that hefty outlay for a player who, mainly due to injury, has given little service to the Leichhardt team.

Certainly there is no chance of Apia allowing McCulloch to accept the Hibernian contract - if the

Scottish club expect to get him on a free transfer.

A similar situation cropped up when Robbie Slater had his first trials with Nottingham Forest.

Forest were prepared to take Slater but would not be pinned down to a firm transfer fee.

Could it be that some British clubs feel all Aussies imports should be free - as happened with Craig Johnston and Tony Dorigo?

There is no doubt that Sydney City would be happy to pay a fee to recruit Tommy McCulloch but if the deal involved around \$30,000, which it surely would, I do not think Slickers' boss Eddie Thomson would be interested.

Let us hope Apia and McCulloch can resolve their differences and the player is able to settle down and do a job for the club.

That would be the logical way to resolve the problem to the benefit of the player, the club and, indeed, for Soccer.



TOMMY McCULLOCH in action during his APIA Leichhardt days against his old club Marconi.

THREATS TO NEW SAINT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ALEX LAMPROPOULOS, who was transferred from Sydney Olympic to St George, received a number of threats warning him of the consequences if he joined NSL champions, Sydney City.

Apia and Sydney City rushed to sign the strapping stopper for the bargain fee of \$7,500.

But disgruntled Soccer fans, on hearing that Sydney City was interested, made threatening calls to Lampropoulos at work and to his home, warning him not to move to the NSL champions.

In fact, the telephone calls upset the Lampropoulos family to such an extent that Alex wanted to retire from Soccer completely.

Then Frank Arok's offer came through and Alex reconsidered.

Meanwhile, Sydney City's coach, Eddie Thomson, told ASW:

"Young Alex has everything I want in a centre-back. He is tall, very strong and of good character."

Thomson concluded: "I'm really surprised that Sydney Olympic were willing to release the young lad from their NSL squad."

But St George manager Frank Arok, hearing that the young defender had been granted his request for transfer, rushed in and signed Lampropoulos ahead of the other clubs.

The Editor

AUSTRALIA's national coach Frank Arok was not a happy man last week when he learned about the deal he has been offered to remain in his job.

In its wisdom, the Australian Soccer Federation decided to give Arok a two-year contract, just half as long as the four-year deal Arok sought.

It seems clear the ASF does not want to entrust Australia's international future to Frank Arok for the next four years.

But why not? Are there people in the ASF who still believe the man has not proved himself?

ASW believes Arok did an outstanding job in the 1985 World Cup eliminations - and also the previous year when many international teams visited Australia.

He is, surely, the logical man to guide Australia's next World Cup challenge which, hopefully, will climax in Italy in 1990.

So why should Arok have to prove his ability in the lead-up to the Olympic Games at a time when he should be more concerned with the far more important business of building a World Cup squad?

It is strange, indeed, to note the importance the ASF has suddenly decided to place upon the Olympic football tournament.

Australia has flatly refused to even compete in Olympic football since 1956 when the Olympics were staged in Melbourne... and there was a moral obligation for the home team to compete.

Olympic Games football, despite drawing such very large crowds in the USA in 1984, has always been something of a Mickey Mouse competition.

With the change in qualifying conditions for players, it now appears more honest and more interesting yet it can never be classed as anything better than a pale imitation of the World Cup.

But Frank Arok has now been given Olympic Games success as his primary target, even if this rather pointless affair diverts his main energies from the four-year build-up to the 1990 World Cup.

Arok has other things on his mind concerning the new contract offered by the ASF.

For instance, some joker has introduced a "code of conduct" to which the national coach must adhere.

This clause in the coach's agreement completely staggered Arok who, quite rightly, pointed out that the ASF should have discussed the matter with him instead of breaking the news through the media.

What will happen to Arok if, during a vital international match, he jumps from his bench and says something not entirely to a referee's liking?

Will the national coach be hauled before judge and jury and disciplined and warned he must be a good boy in future?

If that happens, be sure Arok will not tolerate such petty interference in his job.

He is just as likely to walk out and return to his other business as manager-coach of the St George club.

Finally, let us look at the suggestion, again from the ASF, that Arok should take on Brian Garvey as his assistant in Melbourne.

To the best of our knowledge, Arok was well satisfied with what John Margaritis did in Melbourne during the past couple of years and has no intention of firing him.

Perhaps some Victorian administrator does not like Margaritis. That is possible but it does not give anyone the right to appoint Arok's assistant coaches.

"I shall choose my own assistants without help from outsiders," said Arok.

That is just the comment we would have expected from a man who has done a big job for Australian Soccer and deserves something better than petty interference from officialdom.

ARNOLD GRABS GOAL AND CROATIA HOLD ON TIGHT FOR WIN

DESPITE a rousing final half hour by Apia Leichhardt, Sydney Croatia held on to their 1-0 lead which was secured by Socceroo striker Graham Arnold.

Despite dominating early on, Croatia were unable to turn their territorial advantage into goals.

The Croatian attacking juggernaut rolled on right throughout the opening quarter of an hour with Apia showing no apparent ability to reply. To their credit they managed to survive albeit through good luck rather than good management.

Croatia's usually punishing forward line was unable to take its chances as Arnold, Odzakovic and Jurin all missed.

Leichhardt for their part had little if any penetration up front and their centre-forward Louis Dounis was found wanting on several occasions.

Luckily for them their extrovert keeper in Tony Pezzano was in rare mood

indeed, making an array of excellent saves to keep his side in the match.

He could not be faulted on the deciding goal which came in the 49th minute.

Croatia's main playmaker, Zarko Odzakovic, collected a clearance just outside the area which he played to winger Manis Lamond.

Lamond jinked, swerved and finally managed to squeeze a pass to Zeljko Jurin, whose shot was saved at point blank range by Pezzano.

The ball fell invitingly for Graham Arnold who slammed it into the empty net from eight metres.

Croatia were spurred on by their success and Pezzano was soon called on to make another save, this time at the expense of hard-working midfielder,

Shane Clinch.

Croatia's recent acquisition from Canberra, Manis Lamond, showed some flashy skills and touches despite being closely attended by defenders Arno Bertogna and Tom Steven.

The tide began to turn towards Apia with a half hour remaining as Croatia began to relax and sit back on their lead, something that coach Vedran Rozic was quite concerned about.

Realistically if Apia had any sort of firepower up front they may well have grabbed a point. They did not have sufficient striking power and were made to pay for it.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, M.Kovacic (A.Kovacic 66), Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakovic.

APIA LEICHARDT: Pezzano, Bozanic, Brown, Steven, Bertogna, Hristovski, Bundalo, Colagluri (G.Storrey 85), Dounis, D.Stewart, Butler.

CROWD: 5341

REFEREE: R.Lorenz



TONY PEZZANO

INTER SUNK BY QUICK GOALS

by GRAHAM COOK

WOLLONGONG WOLVES built on its fine start to the season with a 3-1 win over bottom of the table Inter Monaro at Selfert Oval.

It was again a Wolves win in a devastating seven minute spell in the second half when they scored all three of their goals.

The first, after 55 minutes, was a penalty awarded by referee Neil Murray when the ball hit the hand of Inter defender Joe Gagetti, making his return to the team after a spell overseas. Peter Kotamanidis made no mistake with his spot kick.

Two minutes later, Inter's Phil Dachs was sent off for a tackle on Robert Giraldi, who extracted full revenge when he headed the resulting free kick past goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

Then, in the 62nd minute, Willie Murray put the game beyond doubt when he hammered a 25 metre drive into the back of the net.

To add to Inter's problems, sweeper Ricki Budini also limped off having twisted his knee in a first half tackle.

Inter's only goal came in the 70th minute when a Billie Wilcox pass found Attilio Carbone who dived full length to head past Warrick Young.

It was a generally scrappy and bad-tempered match which did no credit to either side. Hoszowski received a yellow card when, caught out of his area, he brought down Kotamanidis with a rugby tackle. Also in the re-

ference's book were the names of Wolves' Jock Morlando and Brian Cokely for off the ball incidents.



ATTILIO CARBONE

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Gagetti, Budini (Williams 55), Ambrosino, Wotherspoon (D'Addario 79), Carbone, Wilcox Winn, Walsh, Dachs.

Wollongong: Young, Green (Stefanovski 89), Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldi, Batten, Kotamanidis, Murray, Arcusa (Gaffney 64).

Referee: Neil Murray. Crowd: 729.



Paul Lewis

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Newman, Psaltis & Co., Solicitors of Level 59, MLC Centre, Sydney will accept instructions in immigration matters and also other areas of Law.

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SAINTS BLOW DOWN CANBERRA'S HOUSE

BY TOM ANDERSON

NEVER before in the history of the NSL has a team huffed and puffed and dominated the proceedings so much for 88 minutes with nothing to show for it than St George did in their 2-1 win over Canberra at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

It was one way traffic really a contest of Saints v for most of the game and Canberra goalkeeper

Tony Franken.

Franken played like a man inspired. Some of the last ditch saves he brought off were absolutely marvellous.

And, when it is taken into consideration the rest of his teammates were down on their knees and out for the count five minutes after the interval, this was some performance by the Canberra custodian.

Canberra shocked Saints when they opened the scoring in the 11th minute with a goal from Hilton Phillips.

During this opening spell the Saints looked a bit ragged, but a number of positional changes by coach Arok soon got them in the groove in the second half.

It was during this period they hit the ACT team with everything but the kitchen sink only to either fail in front of goal or have their efforts saved by Franken.

The action round the Canberra goal was nothing less than amazing and with time ticking away it looked as if the only horse in this one horse race had stumbled at the finishing line.

Then with only two minutes of regular time left to play up popped Michael O'Shea to head the equaliser from a Pedro Ricoy free-kick.

More was to come and in two minutes of injury time big Andy Koczka grabbed the winner.

A last gasp effort - but justice was done and if ever a team deserved their victory - their first of the season - it was Saints.

They did it the hard way and I'm sure it was the breakthrough they were looking for and will now go on to bigger and better things.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

With all the Saints supporters in the stands nearing collapse, Saints coach Frank Arok was as cool as a cucumber after the game.

"I told the boys that we would get the all important goals in the dying minutes," Arok said.

After he made the statement Frank reached for the valium.

Another feature of this amazing game was the great form of Saints import Stewart Porter - this fellow really looked the goods and will be a very valuable player for Saints.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Lampropoulos (Cairns 45), M.O'Shea, Maffitt (Cotton 45), R.O'Shea; Koczka, Ricoy, Ratcliffe, Skeen; Porter, Fletcher. CANBERRA: Franken; Cant, Burke, Kulcar, Meza; Mihalidis, Sermen, Bryant (Dunn 82); Phillips, Gibson, Junna. REFEREE: Gary Power. CROWD: 827.



Little but good! That could describe Spyros Hantzis of Canterbury and David Lowe of Marconi in action at Arlington. (Photo Modern Studio 568 2853)

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (G Arnold) LEICHHARDT 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5341. BLACKTOWN 3 (B Thopnthaite, A Sandy, J Carroll) SYDNEY CITY 2 (J Kosmina 2) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 1124.

ST GEORGE 2 (M O'Shea, A Koczka) CANBERRA 1 (H Phillips) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 827. INTER MONARO 1 (A Carbone) WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (P Kotamanidis, R Giraldo, W Murray) Crowd: 729.

CANTERBURY 0 MARCONI 2 (D Lowe, R Brown) at Arlington. Crowd: 1988.

NEWCASTLE 3 (S Ingham 2, M Jones) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (S Johnston, S Brandt, P Raskopoulos) at Adamstown. Crowd: 2700.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE CITY 0 BRUNSWICK 5 (A Zini 2, J Dowie 2, P Wace) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2117. SUNSHINE 1 (S Richardson) HEIDELBERG 1 (A Hunter) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2430.

PRESTON 3 (S Smith 2, S Lane) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3350.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (A Davidson 2) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 2000.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 GREEN GULLY 3 (P Lewis 3) at Hindmarsh. Crowd: 2500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (I Bonacic) FOOTSCRAY 2 (E Tapai, Z Lucic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 7000.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	2	3	0	14	6	6
Marconi	3	0	1	9	4	6
Sydney Croatia	3	0	1	9	5	6
Wollongong	3	0	1	8	4	6
Blacktown	3	0	1	5	5	6
Apia Leichhardt	2	1	1	4	2	5
Sydney Olympic	1	1	2	8	8	3
St George	1	1	2	5	6	3
Canberra	1	1	2	3	4	3
Newcastle	0	3	1	4	8	3
Canterbury	0	1	3	2	10	1
Monaro	0	0	4	2	11	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	2	2	0	4	0	6
Sunshine	2	2	0	5	3	6
Footscray	3	0	1	6	9	6
Brunswick	2	1	1	9	1	5
Adelaide City	2	1	1	11	6	5
South Melbourne	2	0	2	3	2	4
H'berg	1	2	1	4	4	4
Green Gully	1	1	2	5	4	3
Melbourne Croatia	1	1	2	3	7	3
Brisbane City	1	1	2	3	9	3
Adelaide Hellas	1	0	3	5	8	2
Brisbane Lion	0	1	3	1	6	1



ANDREW ZINNI (right)

CITY'S WISHART BREAKS HIS LEG

BY GREG RUSSELL

GOALKEEPER Kim Wishart broke his leg and two players were sent off in Brisbane City's sensational 5-0 loss to national champions Brunswick Juventus at Spencer Park.

Wishart fractured his fibula when he went down to block an Andrew Zinni shot after just 11 minutes. The big keeper missed the ball as his frame twisted awkwardly and there was no doubt he was seriously injured when he fell to the ground.

Full-back Garry Bromfield took the number one shirt and gave a valiant display, but was repeatedly left unprotected by his team-mates and it is they who should shoulder the blame for the hefty loss.

The send-offs came midway through the second half when frustration crept into the game.

After substitute Dean Milosevic had been booked for a wild push after just one minute on the field, Sydney referee Graham Warne two minutes later showed the red card to Zinni and Brisbane City midfielder Luciano Fabrizio after a scuffle during which pun-

ches were thrown.

While City supporters used the loss of Wishart as a reason for the defeat, the NSL champions undoubtedly would still have beaten the Brisbane side at full strength.

Brunswick played some superb one-touch football and looked a strong, big side more than capable of retaining their crown.

The visitors led 3-0 at half-time after Paul Wade headed in a John Dowie corner in the 24th minute and Zinni added his second after he pounced on a ball given away outside the penalty box by City stopper Frank Mengotti.

Brunswick took only 13 minutes in the second half to add to their total when Dowie blasted a free kick into the net. Shortly after Eddie Campbell had the opportunity to score Brunswick's fifth when the Melbourne side was given a penalty after Mengotti

gotti wildly tackled Robert Cullen. But the penalty attempt went well wide.

Three minutes from time, Dowie played some neat football to notch the Brunswick fifth.

City's luck was out all day and that was clearly reflected when in the 86th minute it looked like a Campbell back-header would elude Yakkia Banovic and go into the City goal. But the ball hit the upright and was deflected away for a corner.

City: Wishart (Lettieri 13), Caird, Mengotti, Archer, Bromfield, Fabrizio, Hamilton (Milosevic 73), Hogg, Reis, Cooper, White.

Brunswick: Banovic, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendorn, Wade, Cullen, Campbell, Patterson, Dowie, Zinni.

Referee: Graham Warne.

Crowd: 2978.



KIM WISHART

says JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI defeated Canterbury 2 - 0 at Arlington Oval, after the gallant, young, inexperienced home side had shut-out the visitors in the first half.

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach, although happy with the two points gained, was far from happy with the state of the pitch.

"It was a good result for us on a bad ground. I would have to say that this pitch would be the worst in the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

"Skill is nullified on such a bad surface and it is a leveller for good teams playing here. Nobody can play good Soccer here," evaluated Scheinflug.

Canterbury's defence looked much more organised and in fact kept all

Marconi threats out for the first session.

Zaya Jebrail, George Haniotis, Spyros Hantzis and Paul Kirwan battled valiantly against Marconi's attack of David Lowe, Rod Brown and Geoff Gunning.

In the fifth minute, Brown's 20 metre drive on the run whistled just wide of the target whilst Canterbury's central striker,

John Petas, could not control a flat cross from sweeper Hantzis in front of goal in the 15th minute.

Drama struck Canterbury in the 35th minute. Marconi's David Lowe, whipped a cross in from the right, but Haniotis,

attempting to clear, deflected dangerously towards his own goal.

Former World Youth Championship goalkeeper, Chris Hummel, making his comeback from his operation, did a "Peter Shilton" in a flash by diving sharply to his right to save an "own-goal."

Marconi served warning as early as the first minute of the second half that they had travelled to Arlington for both points. Craig Mason immediately crashed his powerful drive against the post.

In the 52nd minute, dynamic little David Lowe drew first blood. A long searching shot from midfielder, Ian Gray, saw Hummel fumble the block with Lowe darting in to slam home the goal.

Centre-back, Lee Sterrey, in the 67th minute, pushed up and cracked his 10 metre drive just over the cross-bar as Marconi increased their pressure to

win.

"However, this week I am expecting two professional players from Dinamo Zagreb to arrive. One is a central striker and the other a top midfielder which should help us greatly.

CANTERBURY MARICKVILLE: Hummel: Jebrail, Haniotis, Hantzis, Kirwan: Petas, Borges, Anagnostopoulos (Radman), Philippou: Thamnidis.

MARCONI: James: Carter, Sterrey, Wheatley, Rizzotto (Henderson 46th): Gray, Mason, Tredinnick: Lowe, Brown, Gunning (Drienne 59).

Referee: J. Reeves.

Crowd: 1988.

ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

MELBOURNE'S match of the day between Croatia and Footscray probably hinged on the suspension of Croatia strongman Dave McIntosh.

In the 25th minute, with Croatia on top, a bad back pass by McIntosh's replacement, Tony Redmond, left goalkeeper Mirko Runje stranded.

Runje was forced to pull down striker Ossie Latif in the box.

Ernie Tapai put away the penalty, and Croatia was facing a boil-over.

However, the Reds were back on level terms only two minutes later, and Luka Bonacic gleefully scored against the club he played for last year.

After that there was a ding-dong affair as darkness fell and the lights came on at half time.

But four minutes into the second half Vladko Lujic used his speed to latch onto a through ball and tip it over the helpless Runje's head.

Croatia threw everything but the kitchen sink at Footscray after that but the Blue's defence, aided by some luck held out to send the Red's fans home bitter at a second home defeat.

Croatia: Runje, Dejanovic, Neh, Redmond (Tajic 57), Curcio, Biskic, Ljubic, Campbell J, Bonacic, Todoric, Ward.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Berjaktarevic, Yukcevic, Karic, Bell, Tapai, Stoeic (Lazzopoulos 67), Laff, Bozinovski, Ljubic (Oblock 88).

HEIDELBERG was all over Sunshine George Cross in their encounter at Chaplin Reserve and had to settle for a draw after an unusual penalty in the closing minute.

Noel Mitten took the penalty, Jeff Oliver moved and saved, but the rebound was rammed home.

However, referee Davies ordered the kick retaken, Oliver moved early and saved again, Steve Richardson scored off the rebound and this time Davies decided the goal should stand.

This penalty wiped out one taken earlier by Alan Hunter.

Heidelberg: Oliver, McKie, Hunter, Merley, Valentine, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Tsakas, Delgani, Papas, Kanesolis.

Sunshine: Keogh, Taylor, Parton, James, Richardson, McLaren, (sub Campisi 80), Lennon (Markovski 75), Gilder, Mitten, Bain, Falkner.

PRESTON shot to the top of the table with a convincing win over Adelaide City at Connor Reserve.

After a dull first half Preston went in front after a blunder by the Adelaide defence.

Bugsy Nyskohus cleared a ball which rebounded and the ever-alert Sean Lane headed home.

That was in the 59th minute and in the 80th minute Preston put the game beyond Adcity's reach after a brilliant run and cross by Ron Campbell which found Steve Smith in front of goal.

Preston: Traianedes, Opeiris, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Petrov, Heys, Smith, Lane, Cole, Campbell.

Adelaide City: McNally, Figgins, Tobin (Alberton 9), Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Vidmar, Mullen, Maxwell, Costanzo, Maybank.

Tobin was taken off in the 9th minute to have 12 stitches in his leg.

SOUTH MELBOURNE, resplendent in new shirts and with a much reconstructed side put Brisbane Lions even deeper in trouble at Middle Park.

During the week, coach John Margaritis told Arthur Xanthopoulos not to come back, and dropped Doug Brown finally into the reserves.

Garry McDowell came back after suspension to fill the sweeper role.

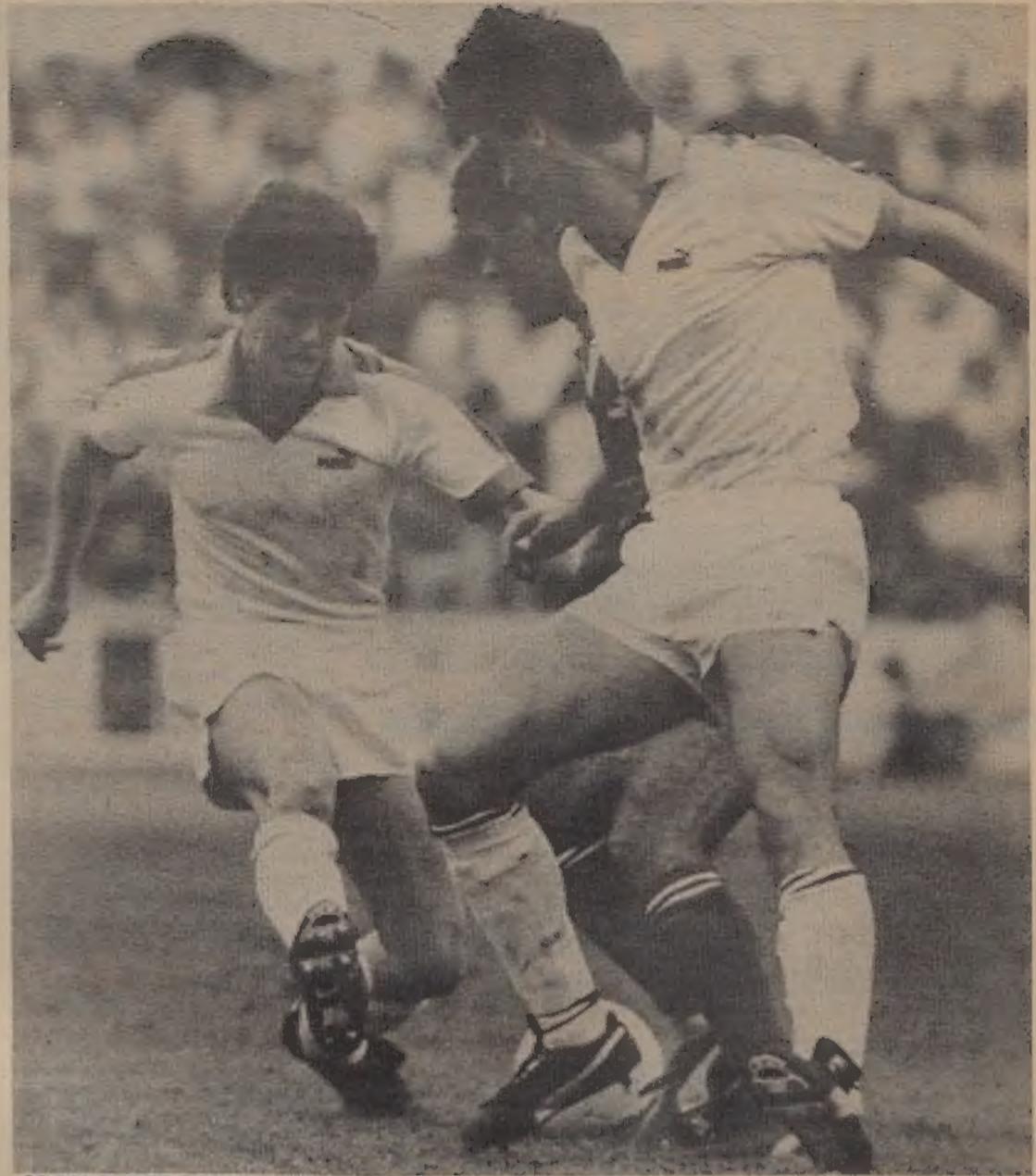
Alan Davidson was pushed up to partner Charlie Egan, and the move repaid South handsomely as he scored in the 40th and 55th minutes.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, McDowell, Blair, Postecoglou, Miranda, Tsakos, Halford, Nicolaides, Davidson, Egan.

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, McSkimming, Niven, Stewart R, Anderson, Ogden, Stewart J, Vazquez, Morton, Meredith, (Mulvey 70).



PETER RASKOPOULOS



ALAN DAVIDSON — goalscorer.

DEMONS SHOCK SYDNEY CITY

By Barry Davis.

BLACKTOWN CITY stunned the Soccer fraternity in the Olympic Airways League when they raced away to a 3-0 lead in the first half against champions Sydney City at the Gabble Stadium.

Sydney City through John Kosmina, eventually pulled back two goals in the second session to give Blacktown City the final scoreline of 3-2.

The usually quiet Casey de Bruin, Blacktown's coach, elatedly spoke to ASW, commenting:

"We played really well in the first half. In fact it was a game of two halves with us dominating the first."

"We always believed that Sydney City played too square at the back and we broke this with good switch-play, knocking it wide quickly."

"I wouldn't blame their goalkeeper for any of our

goals which were all good. But Sydney City in the second half pushed more men forward, especially Murray Barnes to get their two goals."

Blacktown opened their account as early as the eighth minute when winger Robbie Slater crossed infield for Adam Sandy to fire his shot onto Sydney City's crossbar.

But Brett Thorneithwaite was ever-alert to race in and hammer home the rebound.

Sydney City stunned from this early goal, was even more unhappy just three minutes later when Blacktown zeroed in their

second one.

Excellent lead-up work from Thorneithwaite and Sandy who made good dummy-runs to spread the defence, brought much space and joy for Carroll to slam home goal No 3.

With the scoreline reading 3 nil to Blacktown City at half-time, Sydney City was at last stunned into action.

Their best player, Gerardo Gomez, worked well with flank-man Frank Farina to set John Kosmina in the 54th minute to score.

In the 63rd minute, Gomez again was on the scene, this time raiding some 70 metres downfield. His cross found Grant Lee who smashed his drive onto the cross-bar but Kosmina headed the rebound into the net.

Star of the match was Blacktown's goalkeeper, David Curtis who was involved in two clashes which stopped the game for a lengthy period. The first was with Frank Farina and the second involved Gomez.

Besides Curtis, another star in Blacktown's victory was Robbie Slater who threatened constantly, whilst best for Sydney City were Gomez and young midfielder, Jean Paul de Marigny.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis: Sharpe, Knight, Ainsworth, McCleod, Byrne, Bradley, Sandy, Slater, Carroll (Northam 72), Thorneithwaite.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson: Rodrigues (Barnes 56th), Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Gomez, Watson, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Kay 69th), Hooker.

Referee: B. Monteverde. Crowd: 1124.

RASKO SAVES OLYMPIC

A last-gasp goal by Peter Raskopoulos saved Sydney Olympic from defeat in the Olympic Airways League match against Newcastle Rosebud United at the Adamstown Sports Ground.

BY DAVID WILLIAMS

Rosebud had led for 72 exciting minutes but the goal by Raskopoulos in the 90th minute gave Olympic a 3-3 draw.

Olympic fielded three former Newcastle players — Marshall Soper, Simon Brandt and Andy Stankovic — and it took Brandt, who replaced Vince Estavillo at half time, to level the scores at 3-2.

Young Socceroo Chris Kalantzis was in brilliant form and gave Rosebuds' full-back Ross Milosevic a torrid first half.

But the young Rose-

buds' striker Sean Ingham, offset Kalantzis' power with an equally fine performance that gave him two great goals and saw him do the lead-up work for Rosebuds' third that left Olympic trailing 3-2.

Full-back John Cavanagh did a first class job of containing Soper and Cavanagh's English compatriot Paul Crabtree in mid-field held Raskopoulos for most of the match.

Rosebud coach Peter Irving was disappointed at the result considering his team's initiative but accepted the hard-won

point gladly.

Olympic president Tom Doumanis paid tribute to the performance of both teams and told Rosebud secretary Ernie Lamb that the match had been well worth travelling the 160kms to see.

Rosebud struck in the 15th minute when a repeat of a rehearsed move at training saw Sean Ingham leave Garry Meier stranded with a smart header from a Joe Senkalski corner kick.

Neil Owens and Mark Jones followed up with chances that went astray before Kalantzis, chasing a through ball, went down inside the penalty area in a clash with Milosevic. Referee Ken Small, however, disregarded Kalantzis' pleas for a penalty kick and awarded a free kick to Rosebud.

In the 43rd minute Cavanagh made a long run down the left touch line, beat Estavillo and centred.

Jones dummied, and Ingham side-footed the ball to Meier's right for a 2-nil half time lead. Rosebud should have increased the margin from Bobby Naumov's centre in the 51st minute, but Ingham lost the ball in a sea of scrambling feet inside the goal area.

Then Kalantzis sent in a fine cross from the left and Gosling saved Stuart Stevenson's point-blank header on the goal line.

In the 57th minute, Soper broke clear on the right, but Gosling moved out quickly and smothered the shot that went for a corner kick. Seconds later the ball was in the Rosebud net from a great Stewart Johnstone header.

Brandt picked off a

high cross from Kalantzis to find the Rosebud net with a precise header in the 75th minute and the match seemed destined for a 2-2 draw.

Rosebud however, who had played positive football throughout, decided otherwise and Ingham gathered in a pass, rounded Stankovic and found Jones, whose header from four metres Meier could only push into the net.

With the match due to go into injury time, Tony Dakos began a move that involved Brandt and Raskopoulos whose ground-level equaliser skimmed to the right of Gosling.

Referee: Ken Small. Newcastle: Gosling, Milosevic, Miler, Bannon, Crabtree, Senkalski, Cavanagh, Ingham, Jones, Naumov, Owens.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Coady, Dakos, Stankovic, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Johnstone, Kalantzis, Estavillo, (Brandt 45).

Crowd: 2,700.



ADAM SANDY

THE GLOVES ARE OFF

THE credibility of Australian Soccer is at an all time high following the coverage given to the World Cup qualifying games.

To date the ASF has made little effort to capitalise on this public awareness and further promote the game.

To compound the problem, they have now seen fit to reward Frank Arok for his outstanding achievements with the national side by reappointing him for two years instead of the whole period up to the next World Cup.

From this latest development, one must assume that the ASF in its wisdom has deemed success or failure in the Olympic Games qualifying rounds is of paramount importance regarding coaching appointments for the next World Cup.

What a ridiculous situation. With many players pressing for inclusion in the squad for the next World Cup campaign, surely it would make more sense for the ASF to grant a four-year contract so that team rebuilding is not interrupted by coaching changes.

The Olympics will provide valuable experience for the players who will form the nucleus of the next World Cup squad. Success or failure at this level should not effect the coaching staff. Instead it should be used by the coaches to gauge which players are able to handle the pressure of competition games at international level.

STAR WRITER

Terry Greedy

Stability within the coaching ranks at national level is important for the players, the success of the team and the image of the game.

It's a great to see so many young players responding to the added pressures of this year's competition with outstanding performances for their teams.

The excellent displays of Frank Farina, David Lowe, Chris Kalantzis and Peter Tredinnick, just to name a few, are certainly going to provide great interest when the next Aussie squad is announced for the games against Czechoslovakia.

One player whose name is certain to be among those selected in the squad is Anthony Rankin. Anthony has started the season in superb form for Canberra. He appears to have benefitted from his stint overseas during the off season and is looking sharper and fitter than ever.

Having had the pleasure of training with him during the world tour in 1984, I can safely say once Anthony establishes himself in the Australian squad he will be there for many years to come.

Anthony is one of the most dedicated trainers I have ever seen and his

willingness to listen and accept advice is a refreshing chance in one so young.

What a shock to hear Tom Doumanis, the Sydney Olympic president, say that the administrators were to blame for the poor promotion of the game in Australia.

"I'm sure everyone associated with the game in this country knows who is to blame but the placing or accepting of blame is not going to alleviate the problem."

It is high time personal vendettas and personal aspirations were put aside and a united approach be adopted to promote Soccer into a more prominent position.

For too long when Soccer appears to be making progress in this country the administrative side of things lets the game down and continues to stagnate.

An infusion of new ideas and younger, more positive, thinking is desperately needed at the top.

Although a few obstacles have been placed in my way by the local Association leader, I am pleased to report that it's "all systems go" for the Soccer Clinics in the May holidays at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.



As well as the major sponsorship from AEI GROUP TRANSPORT AND SERVICES PTY LTD. I have also received sponsorship from McDonald's Family Restaurants, so all those attending will be receiving free vouchers for McDonald's goodies.

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Terry Greedy

THE DIRTY SOCCEROOS

BY JOHNNY WARREN

THE Socceroos are the dirtiest team in the world.

Or certainly one of them if you take FIFA's report on the number of yellow cards, and red ones too, issued throughout the World Cup elimination matches.

The Socceroos received 12 yellow and one red card from eight qualifying matches.

This was only "beaten" by:

Peru 12 yellows and two reds in 12 matches.

Libya 14 yellows in six matches.

Bulgaria 13 yellows in eight matches.

Costa Rica 15 yellows and two reds in eight matches.

But then Kenny Murphy (Australia's red card recipient) certainly didn't deserve to be sent off.

And FIFA's official list doesn't "credit" Israel with any red cards.

As we all know Ohana was sent off in the Australia-Israel match in Melbourne.

Again on FIFA figures is Australia in particular and Oceania in general any "more violent and dirtier" than other parts of the world?

The figures prove Oceania was the "cleanest" group overall.

From its 14 qualifying matches there were 24 yellows or an average of

1.71 per match.

Asia was second with an average of 1.73 with 64 yellows from 111 matches.

Then came Europe with 1.78 (120 yellows from 214 games) Central and North America 1.82 (34 yellows in 62 games) and Africa 1.91 (48 yellow cards in 92 games) South America was a distant last, or first in the violent stakes with an average of 2.83 yellow



cards per match. The South Americans earned 85 yellow cards in only 30 qualifying matches.



Action from the Oceania World Cup qualifiers as Graham Jennings defends Australia's goal.

PATIKAS WILL NOT PLAY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JIMMY PATIKAS, due back in Australia on June 15, will not be allowed to make any guest appearances in the Olympic Airways Soccer League as his previous club, Sydney Croatia, had hoped.

Patikas, the dynamic goalscoring midfielder, returns to Australia from Greece to marry his fiance Denise, on June 29.

Sydney Croatia has missed Patikas this season and urgently wanted to play him for two or three matches in the League whilst here on holidays.

However, after a three week holiday here, Jimmmy together with his new wife, must report back to

Greece. There he will commence pre-season training with his Greek club, AEK.

Since arriving in Athens from Australia, Patikas has captured the imagination of the Greek Soccer fans.

With another two years to serve out on his contract, his club has just offered Patikas a sports car plus a luxury unit in Athens.

His blistering pace and deep slashing attacks have focussed much attention on Australian Soccer by Greek fans there.

But the last few weeks Patikas has been hit by a spate of severe injuries.

A few weeks ago, in the big derby match against Olympiakos, Patikas suffered a badly broken nose, requiring immediate surgery that put him out of action for three weeks.

On his comeback, Patikas suffered a nasty ankle injury in a League match against Apollon that laid him up for another three weeks.

I spoke to Jimmy in Athens last week and fired a few questions at him:

ASW: How bad were your injuries?

JP: "Bad enough. The injuries I've had the last few weeks here, I haven't

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CHIT CHAT

THE news that St George are bringing back Trevor Morgan from Bristol Rovers in England has a twofold look about it.

Sure, Saints need all the strikers they can get their hands on at the moment but there is an excess of defenders at the club.

Last week they signed 20-year-old central defender, ALEX LAMPROPOULOS from Sydney Olympic.

Now the Frank Arok-coached side has little worries about stopping goals but plenty in scoring them. The question is whether or not Morgan is the man for the job.

Last season he took a fair while to get cracking and in one match, missed five clear chances.

ROBBIE WHEATLEY must have seen something written about him that he didn't like of late.

Why? Well when Marconi played Sydney City at Marconi Stadium a fortnight ago Robbie was put under a lot of pressure by a couple of City strikers midway through the first half and saved the situation with a mighty clearance.

The ball made a bee-line straight for the press box and came to grief with a dull thud on the window.

How the glass did not shatter is a mystery. But it is clear that Marconi's PA announcer, George Streeter, was the target as the flight-path of the ball was headed right between George's eyes. He obviously said something on the "mike" that Robbie took offence to.

When questioned on the matter Robbie just broke out into a big grin and said, "I had to put it somewhere!"

FRANK AROK had every right to say the offer made to him by the ASF cannot be construed as much of a reward for his success with the Socceros.

And make no mistake, it was a successful last three years. Quite rightly, Arok wanted four years to take him up to the next World Cup in Italy.

He got two. Along with a code of conduct to abide with, no permission to go to Mexico, and interference in deciding which coaches he would like beside him and in charge of the other Aussie sides.

On the brighter side, Les Scheinflug is our Youth coach and will pick his own assistant.

EARLY last week, we nearly saw history made in the Olympic Airways National League.

The plan was for yesterday's Sydney Croatia v Apia Leichhardt match to be televised "live" to most cities in Australia.

SBS was the TV station involved. It was hoped to screen the match right through its network, apart from Sydney where a black-out was necessary to protect the match attendance.

Everything was fixed on Monday, but on Tuesday this exciting idea had to be scrapped, due, apparently, to technical problems at SBS.

It would have been the first time a match in the NSL had been televised "live" but, maybe, SBS will have another go soon.

GOOD news in the injury-plagued Canberra locker room is that tall Dumbarton centre forward John Bourke should take his place in the team to play Sydney Croatia on May 11.

Bourke has been told that Dumbarton's last round will be played on the weekend of May 3-4. He hopes to be in Canberra by May 8 and on the park the following Sunday.

Canberra fans will be interested to see how the tall Bourke performs against former Canberra whiz-kid Manis Lamond, but they'll have to wait for the second round to compare them, as the first round game is at King Tomislav Park, not in Canberra.

LOU HRISTODLOU thought he had hit the big time when a TV crew phoned his room and asked for an interview before the match against Brisbane City in Queensland.

Coach Neil McGachey gave his permission and 17-year-old Lou changed into his Soccer gear as requested by the TV phone caller, who said the camera would be set up on the river bank outside the motel.

He turned up on schedule — to be greeted by loud rasberries from his teammates gathered on the motel balcony.

The non-existent interview had been set up by coach McGachey, as part of the youngster's "learning process."

Fortunately the forward has a keen sense of humour, and joined in the joke.

WOLLONGONG CITY coach John Fleming will have regular chats with two other coaches in Wollongong but neither is involved in Soccer.

Fleming recently met Illawarra Steelers rugby league coach Brian Smith and Illawarra Hawks basketball coach David Lindstrom after the three teams had won on the same weekend.

It was after the Wovles had beaten Canterbury 3-1 and the three coaches discovered they had a lot in common.

"The sports are a lot different but our problems and thoughts on coaching are really very similar," Fleming said.

They swapped phone numbers and will be watching each other's teams play whenever they get the chance.

Fleming said he is hoping Wollongong can score the sporting trifecta on a regular basis in the next few months.

SYDNEY CITY usually do things in a big way and they've done it again in their presentation of a package seeking a substantial sponsor.

Slackers brought in a professional P.R. company to put together a video and a full colour brochure — plus a new theme song for the team.

This sort of effort deserves success.

We understand Sydney City have already attracted some interest from two big companies.

The Slackers are aiming to get around \$100,000 spread over the next two years.

That's a big goal but Sydney City are one of the few clubs able to claim consistent on-field success to back their sponsorship bid.



PICTURED ABOVE: Is the brilliant stadium in Split, Yugoslavia, of champion club, HAJDUK SPLIT. The Hajduk Split All Stars recently toured and it was a delight to view some of the great stars of the past once again.

IT was just like something out of a boy's comic book when Wollongong City striker David Batten was called up to the senior side against Canterbury.

Batten was to have been on the bench but when South Americans Saul Rivero and Leon Arcosa were late arriving because of a car accident, Batten was told he was in the starting line-up.

The big striker went out and shot his team in front after just seven minutes and went on to score a hat-trick in the 3-1 win.

"Three years ago

Wollongong were

coached by Willie Wallace and he didn't want me so I spent half a season in the youth team and went back to Sydney," Batten said.

"I had a few games and scored a few goals with St George but the challenge was always here in Wollongong.

"I've always felt I could get a regular spot in the side here."

It was the first NSL

hat-trick for the club

but supporters feel Batten could have a few more in store.

THE saga of former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook continues.

The big man now has a recurrence of a bad back injury, and may have to wear a support if he attempts another comeback.

He folded up during an SA State League game and has been advised to give the game away.

But he wants to give it one more shot, wearing a back harness.

NOW it's official.

Adelaide City's mid-field strong man Brian Northcote is out for at least another six weeks with a torn Achilles tendon, which put him in hospital for an operation.

THE QUOTEABLE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: This came from one of the gentlemen in the Marconi press box last week when the Fairfielders beat Blacktown 3-0.

He stated, "Whoever scores first is sure to win 1-0... unless they score again".

PAUL ONTONG

WHILE Don McLeod, the Demons \$12,000 buy from Footscray, is recovering from injury his position was being more than adequately covered by Peter Denyer.

Denyer is a new arrival from English Gola League side Nuneaton. He had previously played 300 games for Portsmouth and Northampton.

Called "Mr Versatile", Denyer has played in every position from two to 11. He was recently asked why he had never played in goal and he replied, "I've never been asked".

Peter is proving very popular with the Demons supporters with his strong and positive contributions to the play, but now he may also be out with injury.

SEEN hobbling in Inter Monaro's glum dressing room after the 0-1 loss to local rivals Canberra in the third round were Baz Giampaolo and Luci Djordjeski.

Baz hopes to be back in training in a week or so after his hamstring injury. Luci was booked in for a knee cartilage operation a few days after the game.

CANBERRA CITY was frustrated in its attempt to put Jimmy Cant on the field for the local derby against Monaro on April 13 because Jimmy was in Melbourne on a week's public service training course.

Cant's papers were signed and sent from Melbourne in good time, but failed to reach the ACT Federation, which had to register the player.

With Augusto Palacios (arm), Ray Junna (ankle) and John Mihailidis (shin) all crocked in the previous Wednesday night's Willing Nanda Cup first round replay, Canberra was really feeling the pinch.

Only Mihailidis, whose fibreglass shinguard was split in the tackle that felled him, missed the Sunday game, but Palacios lasted only just over half an hour before being taken to hospital for an x-ray on an elbow.



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NEWCASTLE ROSE-BUD grabbed their late, late, equalising goal against Apia Leichhardt after 46 minutes and 56.38 seconds of the second half at Lambert Park.

How do we get the time so accurately?

It was given to ASW by Apia coach Rale Rasic, who reckons he has the most accurate watch in Soccer!

It's not surprising Rale was upset by that equaliser.

"On five occasions during the game, Apia players were face-to-face with the Newcastle goalkeeper, but failed to put the ball in the net," said Rasic.

"And just for good measure, Apia hit the woodwork a few times."

"We should have won by a basketball score."

Clearly, this was not destined to be Apia's day.

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VANDALS have struck at Manly Warringah's club house in Dee Why for the third time.

The undisciplined animals methodically smashed every window of Manly's club a few days ago.

Twice before Manly has had to suffer this treatment.

The club would be delighted to catch the criminals and use them instead of match balls for shooting-in practice.

IT happened again. SA Croatia striker Paul Blute, who has been going to Adelaide City, Adelaide Hellas, then Sydney Croatia, has changed his mind again, after being bound for Brisbane Lions.

He has now announced he will stay with SA's Croatia!

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NOEL SCHMUTTER FORD is certainly doing a good job as Blacktown City's major sponsor.

Recently, the fund raising committee obtained a Ford Laser from NOEL SCHMUTTER at a "very competitive price" for the purposes of a raffle and the quality of the prize attracted widespread support. The task of selling 2000 tickets was an ambitious venture but it proved to be very successful. The draw was conducted on Thursday, March 27th and the winning ticket was No.1730 purchased by L. Metherell of Cattai.

While on the subject of sponsorship, another major sponsor was recently gained in CONTINENTAL DISTILLERS.

Many other local businesses contribute in smaller ways to help the Demons also.

ANTE RUMORA looks like being a valuable acquisition for Sydney Croatia, but during matches, he will have to control what looks like a bubbling temper.

On a couple of occasions in the match against Sydney City, Rumora flared-up as if he was ready for a scrap.

Coach Vedran Rozic says: "Rumora is a very quiet boy but perhaps not on the field. But he is a very good player."

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WHEN Tony Brennan and Manis Lamond shared a flat in Canberra, there wasn't exactly a fair share-out of the household chores.

Manis claims: "Tony was very good with the cooking, washing and general household duties. I like to watch television!"

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CONTRATULATIONS to the Academy Guard Marching Girls from Liverpool who put on a fine display at Bossley Park last weekend during half-time.

The crowd loved the display and there is a good chance that their precision marching will be at every Marconi home match. Good.

ST GEORGE goalkeeper Terry Greedy has been a great success as columnist with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — and it is important to let readers know that the big fellow writes all his own material: he has no "ghost writer."

When we congratulated Terry on his writing, he said: "It's dead simple. You blokes have got an easy job!"

By the way, Terry is still accepting bookings for his Coaching Clinic to be run at Seymour Shaw Park in Miranda from May 5 to May 9.

Top coaching from top personalities like Frank Farina, Eddie Thomson, Ian Gray, David Ratcliffe and others will be available. Phone 02-522-4445.

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WOLLONGONG CITY have scored three goals in each of the first two home games this season — 3-2 over Marconi and 3-1 against Canterbury.

One supporter was talking about the prospects of the team keeping up this average as the season goes on.

His mate wasn't really optimistic about that happening.

"I'll check when I get home but I'm not sure if we scored six goals at home all last season," he said.

"I wish I could buy a player of Jimmy Cant's quality for a miserable \$5,000."

That comment came from Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson when Canberra City were trying to get a few dollars knocked off Cant's transfer fee of \$5,000.

In the event, the player was transferred from Sydney City to Canberra for \$4,000 and it could be the bargain buy of the season.

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WOLLONGONG CITY midfielder Bryan Cokely was part of the Swansea City success story a few seasons back.

When the "Swans" were in the first division under John Toshack, Cokely was a regular in their reserve team.

He has made a big impact in NSL games this season, and says he is very happy with the club.

"I would rather be playing in the middle of the midfield because I am more used to that role but it doesn't really worry me having to be a bit wide," he said.

Cokely is doing a university course in Wollongong so he sees a lot of teammates Scott Dickson and David Batten, who also go to the uni.

"MITCH" may be lining up for Adelaide's City or Hellas before the end of the OASL season — but we're not talking about the Socceroo striker.

We're referring to his older brother Jimmy Mitchell who, at 33, is turning in amazing performances in the SA State League for leaders Campbelltown in his comeback after a season as player-coach in the Sunday Amateur League.

Officials have not only been impressed by his ability as a front runner, but his stamina in keeping up a cracking pace for a full 90 minutes.

Smaller and frailer than Socceroo David, Jimmy has far more ball skills and is super-sharp in front of goal, and tenacious on the ball or going into tackles.

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STRUGGLING Inter Monaro hope to have Baz Giampaolo and Angelo Tatilas back from injury in time to face Marconi at Marconi Stadium on May 4.

Monaro certainly need them.

Coach Frank MacCarone has been checking on new signings in every State of Australia without much luck.

"I must have one of the biggest phone bills in football," said MacCarone.

TODD CLARKE, Sydney City's international goalkeeper, returned from another of his overseas business trips a few days ago and immediately reported for training with the Slickers.

Some fans would like to see Clarke restored as first team goalkeeper, at the expense of this season's new signing Alex McPherson, but this seems unlikely.

Coach Eddie Thomson is determined to give McPherson a fair go, despite his unconvincing performance against Sydney Croatia.

Thomson, incidentally, says it is not true that he spent hours on the phone to the UK last week trying to buy a goalkeeper.

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SYDNEY CITY's unwanted reputation as a tough, physical, side still persists, it seems.

After Slickers had their excellent 4-2 win over Sydney Croatia, Croatia coach Vedran Rozic confessed in the dressing room: "Sydney City surprised me by playing so much good football."

"It must have been a good game for the spectators to watch."

Over the years, of course, Sydney City have played some marvellous stuff, yet they still carry the label of "toughies."



SUPER ACTION FROM A SUPER MATCH: Sydney City's Frank Farina and Sydney Croatia's Vedran Rozic go up for a header. Wally Savor (no.8) and Marijan Kovacic (far right) support Rozic.

URUGUAY PACK A PUNCH AS BAARTZ REMEMBERS!

TOM ANDERSON, analyses Uruguay

URUGUAY, the reigning South American champion, has probably the best chance of any of the South American teams of winning the World Cup.

As we all know from the encounter with the Socceroos at the SCG in 1974 when Ray Baartz was cruelly injured, the Uruguayans are an uncompromising lot.

However, they also have the skills and the know-how to succeed in Mexico despite a tough first round draw.

And although the only national teams they have beaten in the last 12 months are Japan, Malaysia and Canada, the two-time world champions are in with as good a chance as any to win gold in Mexico.

Although it is no longer the dominant Soccer country it was before World War Two and in the early 1950s, the team has a long enough Soccer tradition for it to be taken seriously in Mexico, where it plays in the toughest opening group with West Germany, Scotland and Denmark.

Uruguay hosted and won the first-ever World Cup in 1930 and scored a second triumph 20 years later when it defeated Brazil 2-1 in Rio before the biggest crowd that has ever watched a match anywhere in the world — 199,854.

Since then it played in only five of the succeeding eight Cups, finishing fourth in 1954 and 1970, and failing to qualify at all in 1978 and 1982.

Uruguay was the first country to win through to the 1986 finals, excluding host Mexico and reigning champion Italy.

Coach Omar Borras knows that he has absolutely no room for error in the tough opening three games.

"No-one could be thrilled by falling into a group as strong as ours," Borras said. But he saw one bright point. "Whichever two teams qualify will certainly be among the top four in the competition."

Borras said he saw many similarities between Denmark and his own small-nation team. "We both have lots of players signed with clubs outside of our countries," he said.

That is a major headache for Borras. Of the 15-man squad he initially named, only five were playing in Uruguay. The rest were scattered around

the world. Three were in Brazil, three in Argentina, and one each in Spain, France, Colombia and Greece.

And although Uruguay has managed to cram in an impressive 32 games from mid-1984 through to early this year, winning 18 and losing only eight, the final run-in to the Cup must now be juggled to accommodate stars as they become available.

Unfortunately for Uruguay, seven of its overseas stars are gaining experience in Latin American Soccer and not the European style which it must face in its opening round in Mexico.

Borras said Denmark's "foreign" experience could be more useful.

"Danish players are very good and many of them have matured their game in top European sides," he said.

In particular, Borras named Danes Michael Laudrup, Preben Elkjaer and Morten Olsen as experienced players likely to give Uruguay trouble.

Borras said he was not dismissing West Germany just because of some recent poor showings. Particularly, he praised Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Karl-Heinz-Forster and Hans-Peter Briegel.

He would also be well-advised not to dismiss Scotland lightly. Although Uruguay defeated Scotland 7-0 in the 1954 World Cup finals in Switzerland, and defeated them 3-2 again in their next meeting in 1962, the most recent match, in 1983, ended in a 2-0 win for the Scots.

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Before taking on the task of coaching the national side, Borras trained two Uruguayan League teams — Huracan Buceo and Wanderers.

That is the strategy that Borras is taking with the Uruguayan team, which he has been in charge of since October 1982.

"I have my own tactical plan — a general overall strategy, but its success depends entirely on the players I choose," Borras said. "But the trick is that first I choose a system and then I choose the men who fit into it," he said.

Borras assumed the task

of reshaping the Uruguayan team after the country failed to qualify for the World Cup finals in both Argentina in 1978 and Spain in 1982.

Disappointed fans felt the quality of their once-proud team had nosedived and they stopped going to the stadiums. Deciding the way the national team performed had to be totally changed, Borras began to encourage the lesser-known players.

"People worship the players who make goals and play spectacularly, but those who really understand Soccer know that the truly great figures are those who work hard throughout the match," Borras said.

The trainer's method is simple. He asks his players what they would like to do and where they would like to play, and when he describes to them his plans, he listens to their opinions.

"The best way to get good results is to use a little psychology with the people you are dealing with," he said.

He has helped some important players, among them Enzo Francescoli, now 24.

"I am tremendously satisfied that Enzo is in the shape he is today, because when I brought him into the squad when he was 17, River Plate (of Argentina) was about to kick him out, and I returned him to them as one of South America's top 10 players," Borras said.

Borras' approach has worked so far. Since he took over as coach, there has been an upsurge in the fortunes of the national team.

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THE Uruguayan National side. From left to right back row Rodriguez, Gutierrez, Santin, Bossio, Diogo and Pereira.

Kneeling: Ramos, Saralegui, Nadal, Francescoli and Batista.

Apart from that experience, Borras was a physio and assistant trainer for the team at the 1966 World Cup finals in England.

In his spare time, Borras practices boxing but his sports activities leave him little time for his wife and four children.

"His entire life's passion is Soccer," his wife said.

Nicknamed "The Prince" by his devoted fans, Uruguayan forward Enzo Francescoli is a fleet-footed goal-getter whose creative play has made him the top star of River Plate club of Argentina.

The 24-year-old striker, who spearheaded Uruguay's World Cup qualifying campaign last year, has been one of the stars of Argentine club Soccer since March, 1983, when he was sold by Wanderers of Uruguay to River Plate for \$310,000.

He scored his first goal from the penalty spot just

three days after his debut with River Plate and has been scoring consistently since then, chalking up 59 goals in 104 games up to December of last year.

His performance won him the "Golden Ball" award last year from the Argentine Football Association's centre for Journalists, which estimated the player was worth at least \$3,000,000.

Francescoli began his first-division Soccer career at Wanderers club in 1980 and by 1981 he was captain of the junior national squad that won the South America tournament in Guayaquil by beating Argentina's Junior team 5-0 and Brazil 2-1.

Last year he put his skills to work in Uruguay's qualifying matches against Ecuador and Chile to nab a berth at the World Cup.

Francescoli's quick thinking and skilful dribbling help him evade defenders and find the space to score decisive goals. He is the kind of player with the ability to turn a game and demoralise his opponents.

At River Plate, officials have given him freedom to roam the front line to use his creative skills anywhere — a formula that has earned many a win for the Argentine team, including the last League championship.

Omar Borras, who views his team as an organised unit where each player has his responsibilities and role to play, knows that Francescoli operates best when he has few marking chores to carry out.

If he is forced to play otherwise, it could put a damper on the style of a player who promises to be very productive at the World Cup.

Francescoli said Uruguay will perform well in Mexico — better than previous World Cup teams the country has had — because the squad is well balanced.

Along with the qualities the Uruguayans have always had — those of

tenacity, aggressive play, and the reluctance to give up any ball as lost — now we are also seeing very good Soccer, and this makes us a well balanced team with greater possibilities," Francescoli said.

He said he expects competition in Mexico will be tough and Uruguay was pitted against "the most difficult" of all the rivals.

"But we have a very good team and I am optimistic."

Goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez is Uruguay's most experienced player and best able to judge the quality of the current team. He calls it the best Uruguay had in 20 years.

Rodriguez, who for the past three years has played for Santos, is widely considered to be the best goalkeeper playing in Brazil.

Rodriguez, with Nacional Club of Montevideo from 1976 to 1983 before moving to Brazil, has a solid physique but his skill is a great asset. He is equally happy dealing with high shots or sprawling at the feet of oncoming opponents.

He said the judgment and experience that come from a decade of international Soccer are his most important attributes.

"Like any goalkeeper, I must transmit the feeling of security to my fellow players, but I also have the additional responsibility of being the national team's longest-service player," he said.

A member of the Uruguay national team since 1976, Mexico will be his first chance to play in a World Cup finals series. But he said he was confident that Uruguay would turn in a respectable performance in Mexico as it chases its third World Cup triumph.

"Uruguay has a lot of individual talent — more than Brazil and Argentina, for example — and if we achieve good team spirit it the squad will do excellently," Rodriguez said.

The 29-year-old, 1.87-metre tall goalkeeper said that the team would per-

form better than it did during last year's qualifying matches because then the pressure was off for Uruguay at least to qualify.

"During the qualifying games we were under extreme emotional pressure," Rodriguez said. "we had lost, that would have meant Uruguay would miss a third consecutive World Cup and that would have been a national disaster."

Rodriguez said he believed international Soccer standards have declined since Uruguay's last World Cup appearance.

"There is too much predominance of physical strength over technique and you don't see many great talents a more," he said. "Look at Brazil. Before they had four or five good players for each position and now they only have one or two or sometimes none."

To Miguel Bossio, success in Soccer is all matter of spirit.

Spirit in the physical sense, as the soft-spoken mid-fielder turns into a tenacious tiger; organisational spirit; and spirit the psychological sense. He sees himself as a team's guru, inspiring team-mates with shout encouragement or his fancy footwork.

The 25-year-old Pen player is almost an extrovert off the field. He changes when a match starts: he is all over the field, chasing after every ball and every opponent running behind him. Team members demand the ball so he can sweep Uruguay into the attack with long passes.

"Since I am a player who is always near the action and all over the field, I yell out ideas to team-mates," Bossio said in an interview with "The Herald". "But there is another of transmitting a spirit atmosphere in the playing area and that is via emphasis with which snatches the ball."

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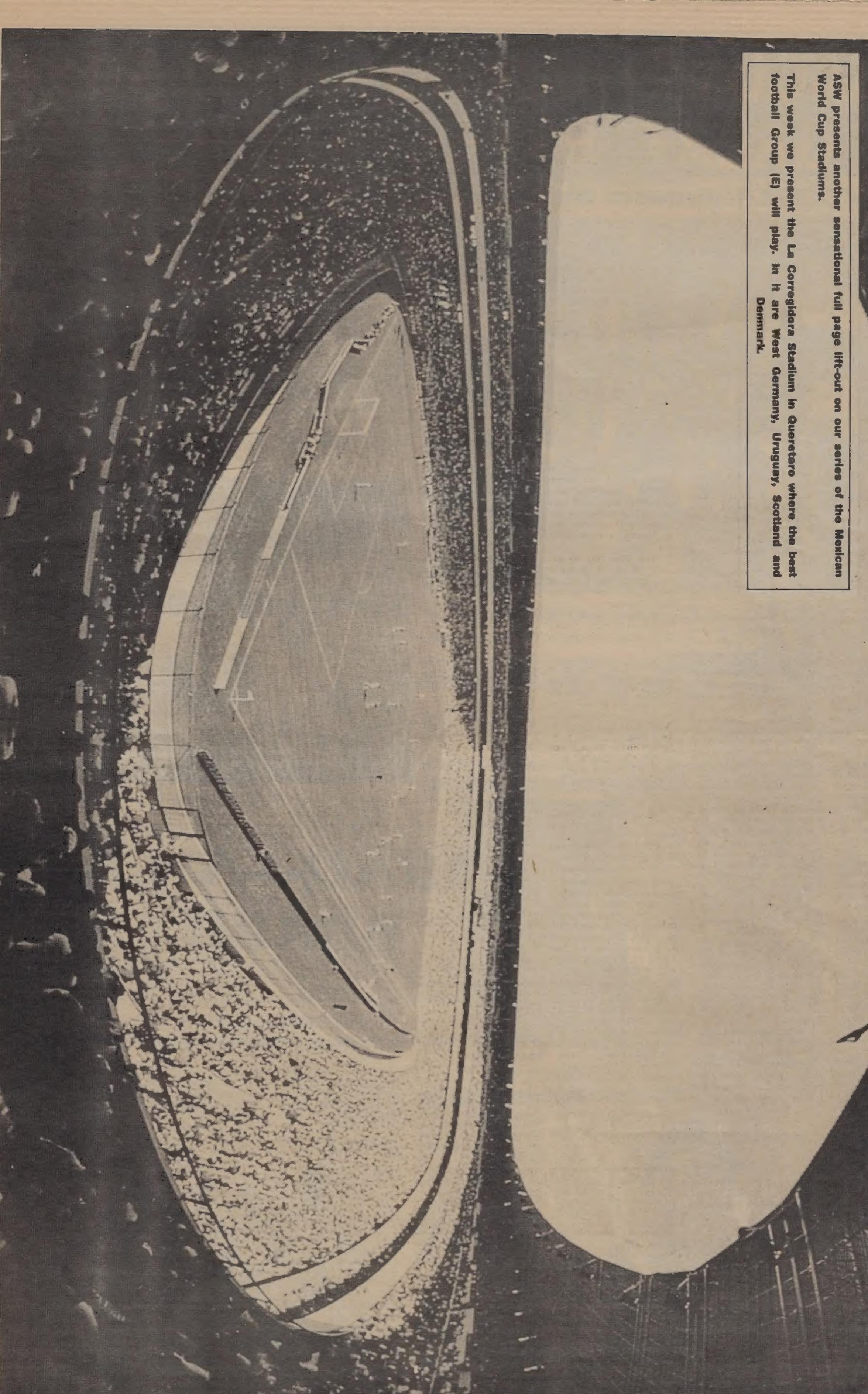


ENZO FRANCESCOLI

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PARAGUAY—AN OUTSIDER WITH GREAT EXPECTATIONS

FRANK COLETTA discusses the possible Paraguayan performances.



THE outsiders with expectations: Paraguay can they qualify to the second round from Group B?

PARAGUAY are not essentially a side to be feared by other nations and it would seem that host country Mexico and European hot-shots Belgium should account for them with little trouble.

But the Paraguayans are not to be underestimated as the great Brazilian side will testify.

In their second encounter against their South American neighbours, Brazil managed only a fortuitous 1-1 draw at home.

Paraguay will rely heavily on the bedevilling skill and finishing power of Roberto Cabanas and Romero, better known as Romerito.

This classy duo was instrumental in Paraguay's qualification right down to their shoe laces.

Paraguay's World Cup sortie began away to Bolivia in May of last year—a match that ended 1-1 with Nunez grabbing Paraguay's equaliser after Bolivia went ahead through Rojas.

But the Bolivians were well and truly accounted for a fortnight later in the return match where they were beaten 3-0 with Mendoza, Jacquet and Romero getting the goals.

Paraguay's real test was the match against Brazil at home. Inexplicably they showed little resistance to the visitors and went down to goals from Casagrande and Zico.

But the true Paraguayan grit surfaced in Brazil when they held on for a 1-1 draw. Romero was again on the scoresheet as Brazil's captain Socrates got the home goal.

It was not enough however for Paraguay. Brazil qualified straight through to Mexico with six points from four games against Paraguay's four.

Now they would be well and truly tested in two series of play-offs.

POSSIBLE SQUAD:

Fernandez, Almeida, Torales, Caceres, Zavala, Delgado, Schettina, Jacquet, Nunez, Chilavert, Romero, Cabral, Canete, Benitez, Cabanas, Sandoval, Ferreira, Villaba, Hicks, Mendoza.

They met Colombia first at home and whacked them 3-0 with Romero, Cabanas and Hicks scoring. Then in the return they went down 2-1 but won overall 4-2 on aggregate to qualify for a meeting with Chile to decide who would go to Mexico.

Again Paraguay scored a 3-0 win at home, this time at Chile's expense, Cabanas, Delgado and an own goal from Garrido making the three.

Chile were then only able to salvage a 2-2 draw in Santiago to be knocked out 5-2 on aggregate.

Yet again Romero and Cabanas had excelled, the former scoring along with Schettina to take his tally for the qualifiers to four whilst his team-mate grabbed two in the second stage.

All told, Paraguay played eight games, won three, drew three and lost two.

Romero was not only their highest goalscorer but voted their best player. The Paraguayans play

the classic 4-3-3 style, with a rigid defensive system. The midfield is very hard-working, rallying back to take up position in zonal defence and then moving the ball about in attack very respectably.

Their king-pins are of course, Romero and Cabanas, authentic players well and truly endowed with the vaunted South American skills.

Romerito, who was the Paraguayan sensation of the 1978 Junior World Cup, left the then defunct New York Cosmos a year ago to join Fluminense of Brazil.

The skilful 23-year-old cost \$650,000 and is already being talked of in South American circles as a player with the ability of Maradona but the temperament of a Scandinavian.

He has formed a lethal partnership with Roberto Cabanas and together they could well shock Mexico and Belgium.



PARAGUAYAN ace, ROBERTO CABANAS.

Manager Cayetano Re is 50-years-old. He was in his time a great goalscorer and did a lot for his country's performance in the 1958 World Cup. He played for the Spanish clubs, Elche, Barcelona and Espanol.

His achievement in taking Paraguay to their first World Cup Finals since 1958 is a fine one and the fact that they did it fairly easily in the end is testimony to good management. The side was hit with organisational problems earlier in the year and had to bring back a few more foreign-based players for the play-offs.

In their latest matches,

Paraguay beat Group A contender, South Korea 3-1 to clinch a three-nation tournament, staged in Hong Kong, to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

The two World Cup qualifiers provided a close-fought game in which Sandoval, Schettina and an own goal ended Korean hopes.

Also in another friendly Paraguay drew 1-1 against Qatar in Doha.

My View

Not necessarily without a chance in Group B. Their form in qualifying was quite impressive and



they could cause a disturbance if Belgium and Mexico are not wary. If they do not get through to the second round as a top two finisher it is likely they could go through as one of the four top third place teams.



Mr Joseph Blatter of FIFA is pictured making the draw for the Mexican World Cup.

IRAQ—A LA BRAZIL!

FRANK COLETTA surveys the Iraqis

THE amazing result over the last few weeks was the 2-0 win in Baghdad by Iraq against a Denmark XI.

It was not the full-strength Danish national side but it had a few fringe players in it and a couple of established stars and it was knocked off in front of a very partisan 50,000 strong crowd.

In fact former Tottenham Hotspur manager Keith Burkinshaw believes that the little countries will do well. He has openly stated that South Korea will spring a few surprises and Iraq will hold their own in the World Cup Finals.

Burkinshaw is in a good position to judge Iraq as he is the national coach of Bahrain. His side were in competition with Iraq to be the Gulf representatives in Mexico although they did not meet in the qualifying rounds.

Bahrain were knocked

out by Syria, who were then defeated by Iraq in the final group match which decided the Gulf side for Mexico.

On Iraq, Burkinshaw said: "They are the best

team in the Gulf and have been together for a long time, although they have some quite young players.

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IRAQ—Enthusiastic and determined. From left to right. Back row: Machim, Radi, Koukiss, Derjah, Honim, Said. Front: Chadid, Seddam, Alaoui, Mounir, Nasir.

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rushes the opponent." Bossio believes Latin American players are more "spiritual" than the Europeans and he said that can be an advantage, because creative Soccer takes opponents by surprise.

But he said Uruguay should try to become more organised.

"The South American player, because of his inventiveness, is much more disorganised than a European player, who adopts a systematic way of playing that he does not abandon until the match is over," Bossio said.

As an example, he said Latin American players may tend to underestimate the ability of European players to battle back on the field.

"We are accustomed to forgetting about a player after we have run past him because he has been left

behind: he is forgotten," Bossio said. "But the Europeans aren't that way: you pass them, and three steps later you find them in front of you again."

He said the World Cup in Mexico would be dominated by teams that adopt systematic approaches rather than rely on the initiative of star players.

"Marking and the application of systematic playing approaches are going to prevail, although there will be those who stand out by playing from the midfield forward, where the creative Soccer zone is," Bossio said.

"But the real difference at this World Cup will be that the best equipped players, the ones who probably will be featured in the press, will be playing for their teams — rather than the way it used to be, when teams played for their best players," he said.



IRAQ continued from Page 10.

The average age is 24 or 25. Their goalkeeper Raad Hammoudi is over 30 but the star player in the team."

A poll of coaches at the Pan-Arab Games rated Hammoudi the best goalkeeper in the Arab world. The only shot the Syrians got past him in 180 minutes of football was from the penalty spot.

In the Arab games in Morocco, Iraq won the football competition, beating the highly rated Algerians in the final. They also beat the Canadians 6-2.

In Korea, Iraq did fairly well against top professional club sides from America, but they didn't look so good back in the Gulf against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Syria.

They looked a better side in Korea against foreign opposition and scored quite a few goals which is always a good sign. They are a big and somewhat physical outfit, quite capable of looking after themselves.

Burkinshaw continued: "With Brazilian coaches in charge, they might do well in Mexico, nothing fantastic but nothing to be ashamed of."

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Asian World Cup quarter-finals.

Here they met and defeated UAE. In the first match they triumphed in a fabulous spectacle 3-2 away. They then proceeded to lose 2-1 in the second match but went through to the final round on the away goals rule.

In the final qualification round they easily accounted for Syria. A 0-0 draw was secured in the first match and an easy 3-1 win in the second sent them to Mexico.

They are now under the management of Edu Antunes de Coimbra, Zico's brother. He has done more than most to bring the Brazilian style

of play to the Irakis.

They possess a keeper ranked in the class of Urruti and Cameroon's Thomas Nkono.

Up front shines Husain, an extreme example of the creator of chances, with sizzling pace and the eye for goals.

My View

Even with the Brazilian influence Iraq shouldn't really cause that much havoc. Although the same thing was said of Iran their warring neighbours in 1978 and they drew with Scotland 1-1!



Pictured is a model of one of the facilities for the media in Mexico City. The Mexicans have stated that they have gone out of their way to give the best possible for the press.

POSSIBLE LINE-UP: Hammoudi, Allawi, Darjal, Moutashar, Al Roubai, Shaker, Hussain, Kourbis, Hassan, Rhadhi, Said.



URUGUAY's trump card RUBEN PAZ.

NANDA CUP PREVIEW



ROUND 2 of the 1986 Nanda Soccer Cup kicks off next Friday (Anzac Day) with two matches set down for this public holiday.

Sydney City clashes with Newcastle Rosebud at the Sydney Athletic Field and Brisbane City plays host to the visiting Melita Eagles at Spencer Park.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

This is Cup football, so be ready for the unexpected results.

The eventual Cup winner on August 17, as well as being the recipient of the Cup, will grab a cheque to the value of \$21,000.

Nanda, "the Company that sold spaghetti to Italy" has ventured onto the major Soccer scene for the first time by sponsoring the Cup to the tune of \$70,000. And that's a lot of pasta in anyone's language.

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Nanda were previously involved with VFL, associating themselves with the Fitzroy club.

Both Anzac Day Cup matches kick off at 3pm.

Sydney City vs Newcastle

Sydney City qualified for Round 2 by defeating Sydney Croatia 3-0 whilst Newcastle downed Belmont Swansea 2-1.

Highly fancied Sydney City were held to a scoreless draw by the Novocastrians just three weeks ago in their League encounter and Eddie Thomson will

be most wary of the northerners this time.

Sydney City's unexpected away-loss last Sunday against Blacktown City, has added worry for Eddie Thomson.

Newcastle on the other hand, despite gaining a home-draw last Saturday against the League-leaders Sydney Olympic, were in fact considered most unlucky not to have won this match.

Brisbane City vs Melita Eagles

On Anzac Day, Major Dennis Hoggart will be marching his Melita Eagles soldiers up to Queensland to do battle against Brisbane City after his side eliminated Ipswich United in Sydney 3-2 in Round 1.

Melita having won their State League match on Sunday will want to continue this winning streak as they are still smirking from not being in the Olympic Airways Soccer League this season.

Brisbane City qualified for Round 2 of the Cup by downing Brisbane Lions 2-1.

DOUBLE-HEADERS

On Sunday, another six Round 2 Cup matches take place with double-headers in Sydney and

Melbourne.

The "double-card" at the St George Stadium, in the early match at 2 pm, the Saints after surprisingly beating Marconi 2-0 in Round 1, will face visiting Blacktown City who were beaten by crushing West Woden 6-0.

Saints vs Blacktown

Both the Saints and Blacktown City, had valuable victories last Sunday and look in top form.

Casey De Bruin's Demons, especially after their meritorious 3-2 victory last Sunday against Sydney City, must start favourites in this match.

The Saints who finally have started to score goals, also will have newly signed striker, John McKie pushing for selection for this Cup game.

McKie signed from Blacktown, cracked a sweet hat-trick last Sunday in the Reserve team against visiting Canberra City.

Olympic vs Wollongong

In the late match starting at 4 pm, the high-flying League-leaders, Sydney Olympic, clash with visiting Wollongong City. Olympic wiped out Apia 6-0 in Round 1

while the Wolves licked Canterbury Marrickville 3-2.

But Sydney Olympic got out of jail last Saturday with an away 3 all draw against Newcastle, leaving it to their skipper, Peter Raskopoulos to pay the bail-money in the last minute of the match.

Wollongong however, are enjoying a nice streak in the League, having again won last Sunday against cellar-dwellers, Inter-Monaro.

But the Wollongong defence will find Olympic's fiery striker, Marshall Soper, as popular as an F-11 flying over Tripoli as he attempts to zero in and bomb Young's goals.

The experienced Larry Gaffney could be expected back in the Wollongong line-up for this tough encounter.

Wollongong vs Croydon City

The double-header at Olympic Park in Melbourne sees South Melbourne take on Croydon City at 2 pm.

With target-man Doug Brown out of the side, coach John Margaritis experimented last Sunday with Socceroo right-back, Alan Davidson as a striker.

Davidson repaid Margaritis' faith by slotting in

two goals in Melbourne's win over Brisbane Lions.

Croydon City now will have to do their homework all over again for Sunday's Cup-match tactics.

It is expected that Davo's brace of goals will again earn him a striker's shirt, to partner the explosive Charlie Egan up front.

Heidelberg vs Footscray

In the late match, Heidelberg United play Footscray at 4pm.

Footscray, strangely sitting on third spot in the Southern section of the League and fresh from their victory last Sunday over Melbourne Croatia, will firmly test out Heidelberg's defence.

But Heidelberg who did everything to crucify their probable next National goalkeeper, Jeff Olver last Sunday in their 1 all draw against George Cross, could put a sudden stop to Footscray's recent winning streak.

With such a quality goalkeeper in Olver in their side, Heidelberg must be granted the edge over Footscray for Sunday.

Canberra City vs Croatia

At the national capital, Canberra City Olympians meet Melbourne Croatia at the Bruce Stadium.

Canberra defeated Inter Monaro to qualify for

Round 2, whilst Melbourne Croatia scraped through, beating 1985 NSL Grand Final winners, Brunswick Juventus by 1-0.

Canberra has lost the services of their Peruvian international, Augusto Palacio, who has briefly (hopefully), returned to South America with a suspected broken elbow.

Canberra will find Melbourne Croatia tough customers, especially with the return of their suspended tough-as-steel, centre-back, David McIntosh.

Canberra went down 2-1 last Sunday against St George in their League match as did Melbourne Croatia who were tossed by Footscray.

Melbourne Croatia is expected to play it very tight at the back as so far this year in the League they have only managed to score three goals the same as Canberra.

I expect Canberra's veteran players, Ian Gibson and Steve Bryant to pull something special out of the box for this one.

And should this match go into penalties, Canberra has a definite edge here in top custodian, Anthony Franken, now ready for International senior-honours.

ADELAIDE HELLAS vs ADELAIDE CITY

And at 2.30 pm in South Australia, arch rivals Adelaide Hellas and Adelaide City do a "Vera Lynn" as they meet again at Hind-

marsh Stadium.

No love is lost between these two clubs and I expect it to be a real cliff-hanger and could go into penalties.

Adelaide City was stretched to penalties against Western Australia's Stirling Macedonia in Round 1, before running out winners 6-5.

Adelaide Hellas is going through a rough trot, winning only one of their League matches from four outings and all this after spending something like \$100,000 on the transfer market during the off-season.

Hellas lost again last Sunday to Victorians Green Gully of all people.

But don't write them off for this one as they have too many good players to be under-estimated.

The powerful twin-defenders, Robbie Dunne and Charlie Yankos, not to mention ever-green skipper and 1985 Player Of The Year, Graham Honeyman, will one day turn the wheel for Hellas.

Sunday's Cup clash could be the day and coach Neil McGachey can then put down the tranquilisers.

But Adelaide City having scored 11 goals in the Southern section of the Olympic Airways Soccer League (more than all other clubs), will make it hard for Hellas.

But again remember.

This is the Nanda Soccer Cup we are talking about and Cup matches being "sudden-death", anything can happen.

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IT'LL BE TOUGH YEAR FOR ALL COACHES

By MIKE JOHNSON

WITH Atti Abonyi resigned as coach of Rockdale in NSW State League, we have evidence already of the severe pressure this season will pose for administrators and coaches of clubs in State and National Leagues.

As a coach, it is something I have become accustomed to.

As in politics, pressure is part and parcel of the job.

If you have a good team you are expected to win something.

If you have a team not good enough to win something, you are not expected to have it in trouble down the league table.

This year the margin in the middle is much smaller, which places coaches of struggling teams under greater pressure.

So how does this pressure effect the performance of a coach?

I can only speak for myself — though I feel I am fairly typical of most coaches.

Most are by nature competitive.

Most, under pressure, will raise their effort and try to carry their team with them.

As the coach works harder himself, he will demand more from his players.

If this is done in the correct way, this will usually bring a positive response from the players.

However, if the coach fails to take into account the varying mental make-ups of his players, along with the other demands made upon them by their jobs and other things unrelated to Soccer, there is a danger that the coach can get a resistance from players.

This will produce the very opposite to what he wants and the team needs — greater commitment and determination to win games.

As coach of a Fairy Meadow State League team denuded of many top players for a variety of reasons, I am aware of the implications for this season.

I have a unique advantage over other coaches in my role at Fairy Meadow.



He put on a late substitute who scored to win the game for his team.

How simplistic and naive!

Just as are so many of the so called "tactical triumphs" of coaches.

Sure you can put a man on a key player, play with wingers to stop overlapping full-backs, play with two centre backs and a sweeper to contain twin strikers.

What is so smart about that?

Like most tactical ploys, they are usually defensive anyway.

The so-called battles of the coaches are modern baloney, whose only real benefit is to get people into grounds.

And I even wonder if it does that.

People pay money to see players, not coaches. Players win games, not coaches.

Two years ago when I had Fairy Meadow, I considered the squad the best in the League.

The team was six points ahead of the table at the halfway stage when I left for personal reasons.

This year the team has lost nine top players.

It is the reason I am so preoccupied with Soccer these days and nights.

I know that this year will test me far more than any of the other two with Fairy Meadow.

In that I will not be Robinson Crusoe among coaches this season. And I am not complaining.

That is the game. That is the challenge.

League and the worst squad will be relegated.

Of course, a good coach will have a big influence.

The biggest will often be in the number of good players he can attract to his club.

That usually means his club has money.

I read the other day how one coach, who failed in his first coaching job, had suddenly "arrived" as coach.

Again this will be typical of most coaches at this time of the season, especially if they are struggling.

However, my years of coaching help me now.

I have resolved who are my best players, which position they play the best, what formation suits them best and what style of play will help them to get results.

These are key questions which every coach must resolve, as soon as possible.

Coaches in their first year with a battling side through inexperience often make changes after change in team personnel, style and formation which even the best team would never be able to adjust to.

Imagine how it effects a struggling side.

Coaching a struggling side is a very difficult task. As with politicians, there is far too much praise heaped on coaches when they win and far too much criticism when they lose.

As each year goes by and as I improve in the job, I realise how much I depend on the players at my disposal.

Usually the squad of best players will win the



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SOCCE GETS A KICK-ALONG

A \$430,000 grant will further work on Valentine Park Soccer Centre at Parklea.

The money is part of the State Government's commitment to developing world-class Soccer facilities in the west.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Cleary presented two cheques totalling \$430,000 to Mr Charlie Valentine of the NSW Soccer Federation.

Minister for Natural Resources and Member for Blacktown, Mr John Aquilina; State Member for Seven Hills, Mr Bob Christie and State Member for Riverstone, Mr Richard Amery were at the presentation.

Mr Christie, a long time Soccer supporter, said he was delighted by the Government's latest grant.

"Premier, Mr Wran, promised \$1 million for this centre. This second instalment brings the total given so far to \$800,000," he said.

Mr Cleary said he was specially pleased to hand over a second cheque for \$30,000 which came from



Today NSW State Coach ALAN VEST talks Parklea

Footy TAB revenue.

"The knockers in the State Opposition had their usual whinge when I first promoted the idea of legal football betting," he said.

"But it has so far produced \$700,000 in three years for improvements to sporting facilities.

"That's \$700,000 which would otherwise have been lining the pockets of illegal gamblers.

"So far, the Valentine Park Centre has benefited from a total of \$80,000 from Footy TAB on top of the \$80,000 which has come from other Government funds.

COACHING CASUALTIES

THE merry go round has started early this year, we know its a vital year for teams.

But to get the sack after only one game seems a bit sudden. League teams Auburn and Rockdale don't think its too early though, out go Atti Abonyi and his Auburn counterpart. True teir teams conceded 5 and 7 respectively in their first games, but it takes a bit longer than one game to get sorted out.

The bookies will be

HE'S NOT HOT SHOT

RICHARD HARKOUK of Notts County might need some shooting practice before going to Mexico with Algeria's World Cup squad.

Notts were drawing 0-0 with promotion favourites Reading when they were awarded a penalty kick and Harkouk took the kick.

His shot was saved but the ball rebounded back to him. He had a second attempt and his shot landed high up on the terrace.

Harkouk, whose dad was born in Algeria, played in a World Cup warm-up match against Mozambique and attracted good reports.

Algeria won 4-0 with the Notts County man turning in a great performance.

It'll be tougher in Mexico, of course. Algeria are in the same group as Brazil, Spain and Northern Ireland.



STATE Member for Riverstone, Mr Richard Amery (extreme left) State Member for Seven Hills, Mr Bob Christie; Mr Charlie Valentine of the NSW Soccer Federation; Minister for Natural Resources and Member for Blacktown, Mr John Aquilina and Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Cleary, hold a cheque for \$400,000. The money will go towards improving facilities at Valentine Park Soccer Centre, Parklea.

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Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

CRINGILA coach Darryl Glover made a savage attack on certain Port Kembla players after his team's recent 2-1 win at Wetherall Park.

"I'm looking forward to playing Bulli next week; they attack the ball and not the man as Port Kembla do," Glover said.

Glover said some of his players were hacked down by Port Kembla "hit men" and he called for referees to protect players who showed a bit of skill.

"Port Kembla didn't have the skill out there so they tried to stop my players the only other way," he said.

"We have taken one player off to hospital and four others have leg injuries because of some terrible tackles, most of them from behind."

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They were calling them the silvertails at the start of the season but after three rounds of the premier league, Aris had just one point from three grades — and that's with three points for a win.

With plenty of talent to choose from in his senior squad, coach Robert Fryer said he would have to go back to the basics.

"I was more than happy with our pre-season trial form, particularly when we beat State League sides Fairy Meadow and Wollongong Macedonia," Fryer said.

"My players just can't settle down to play as I know they can."

Fryer said he disputes claims that Aris have spent a lot of money on building their top team but other coaches believe differently.

"They obviously build themselves up when they play my team and every week is going to be like a grand final for us this season," Fryer said.

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West-Figtree collected \$1100 for winning the final of the Balgownie Centenary Cup — played under lights over seven weeks.

They beat Unanderra 2-1 in the final but were pushed to their limits by the hard-working Unanderra side.

Darryl Walsh equalised after Ron Grogan gave Unanderra an early lead and it was left to full-back Ian Witheridge to get the winner from the penalty spot.

Witheridge emerged as the man of the match and Figtree are happy he

decided not to stay with State League Fairy Meadow after playing Ampol Cup games with that club earlier this year.

Harry Sattin played a key midfield role with Wollongong Macedonia as they won promotion to State League last season.

People are now asking where Sattin has gone.

He hasn't shown up with Macedonia — and Fairy Meadow had been more than keen to sign a few weeks back.

Sattin is actually playing with a council team in the Wollongong business houses league just "to have a kick."

Once again a very talented player is virtually sidelined because of a transfer dispute.

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Many people were upset when the ISA decided to continue with their ridiculous idea of staging Sunday premier league games in opposition to Wollongong City's NSL fixtures.

The Association arranged the Port Kembla-Cringila clash in opposition to the Wolves game against Canterbury.

As a token of their protest, two Port Kembla junior managers turned up at the NSL game with all their players.

One of them said they believed the kids can learn a lot more from watching the highest standard of Soccer available.

"The ISA is very wrong in what they are doing and many people connected with district clubs will keep supporting the Wolves," he said.

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West-Figtree finally have midfielder Geoff Fellowes back in their first grade team after yet another transfer wrangle.

Fellowes signed with Fairy Meadow before the start of the Ampol Cup but decided the less demanding scene of district Soccer suited him best.

He walked out on Fairy Meadow and there was a long dispute before that club cleared him back to Figtree.

Figtree are happy particularly as in his first match back he helped them to a 3-0 win over Unanderra and was named man of the match.

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ALL AROUND



Eintracht



DAVID MITCHELL featured on a postcard distributed by Eintracht Frankfurt for first team players. ASW's Tom McKain was recently in touch with 'Mitch', who claims he is thoroughly enjoying his stint in West Germany

BOB GETS THE NORTHERNERS



Andrew Leuszczynski (White Eagles) ... equal top scorer in the Cadbury League section of the Cascade Summer Cup competition.

(Photo by Walter Pless)

THE Northern NSW squad being brought together for the 1986 Under-19 National Championship to be played at Olympic Park, Melbourne from May 12 to 16, will be in the capable hands of Bob Mountford.

Mountford, whose last English club was Rochdale before he arrived in Australia to join Newcastle KB United, won the coaching position offered by Northern NSW Federation.

Until he arrived in Australia, Mountford had been a full-time professional. He then spent several seasons with Newcastle before he signed with Brisbane City, Blacktown and Lake Macquarie City in the Northern NSW State First Division.

Mountford, who obtained his Level 3 Coaching Certificate in Australia, is being assisted in his quest for National Championship honours this year by the Northern NSW Director of Coaching and former KB coach, Ken Kaiser.

Kaiser was named National League Coach of the Year in 1983.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Peter Groenewoud (White Eagles) receives his man-of-the-match award from Cascade's sales manager, Lyndon Adams, after the final of the inaugural 1986 Cascade Summer Cup competition. Eagles lost 2-1 to Juventus-Pioneer and Groenewoud, the Eagles goalkeeper, played superbly to keep down the score.

(Photo by Walter Pless)

MAXWELL AND MAC TO GRAB HEADLINES

TWO contrasting South Australians appear destined to grab the limeight in the OASL this season — Adelaide City youngster Steve Maxwell and Adelaide Hellas veteran import Brian McLaughlin.

BY TOM ASKAN

The 21-year-old Maxwell, converted from midfield to front runner, is riding high as a striker, and 31-year-old midfielder McLaughlin has proved his class as a former Celtic player since arriving from Scotland earlier this year.

Maxwell, who at one stage thought of switching to Melbourne to further his international aspirations, is now happy to stick it out with City, the club which picked him up three years ago from State league club Birkalla.

While McLaughlin will never play for Australia, he is happy to see out his career here, and wishes he had made the move sooner.

But first we tune in to Maxwell.

He got his first hat-trick for City in the second round home match against Footscray, and has nothing but praise for midfielders Charlie Villani, Aurelio Vidmar and Brian Northcote (now injured and replaced by Sergio Melta) for City's scoring rate.

"The balls just keep coming forward, and it is up to Joe Mullen and me to take our chances," he said.

"Adrian Santrac also gave us good service before he was injured, and when Aurelio comes forward his crosses from the left are great."

While some of the SA State team players have lost form since their triumphant tour of India

during the close season when they won the Delhi Cloth Mills international tournament, Maxwell reckons the series sharpened his reflexes.

But he admits his summer Ampol Cup form was not the best, although City won the series.

"The India trip was a great experience and winning the tournament was fantastic, but I felt the Ampol series was a let-down."

His form did not go without comment from coach Zoran Matic, who let loose at the youngster after his poor game in the Nanda Cup when City had to go to penalties to beat Perth's Makedonia.

"Things have gone right since Zoran chewed me out and he and our coaching co-ordinator Johnny Perin have spent a lot of time with Joe and myself, particularly on keeping possession of the ball."

The pair spent most of last season in midfield, but while they did not star, Maxwell figures they learnt enough to lift their games as forwards.

"We were able to see how the strikers created moves, or failed in front of goal," he said.

"Now we are trying to avoid the mistakes and copy the good points."

After front-running the league's scoring list, his aim is to finish as the competition's leading scorer — and perhaps impress national coach Frank Arok.

"We all want to play

for Australia, and if I can keep scoring I may get a chance," he says.

While McLaughlin would like a chance to turn out in the green and gold, like many Scottish "exiles" before him, he is realistic enough to agree that perhaps he has left it too late.

But he will be happy to make a name for himself in the National League before he has to hang up his boots.

"I wish I had come here sooner," said the ball-playing midfielder who signed for Glasgow Celtic when he was 16.

His longest run was 21 games for the Parkhead side before damaging knee ligaments, and after six years with the Celts, moved to Ayr United.

He realised he was battling the odds to get into the Celtic line-up in front of players like Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari, Davie Hay (the current manager) and George Connally.

From Ayr he went to Motherwell, then Hamilton Accies.

He has plenty of praise for the Australian game.

"The standard is good, our training is first class, and I've been impressed with the way most teams play," he said.

"I should have come here years ago."

He came to Australian with his wife Moira and daughter Cara, and has a contract with Hellas until November 1987.

By then he should be a one of the household names on the OASL scene.

NEWCASTLE MATES ARE ON OPPOSITE SIDE IN NSL

UNTIL this year, Darren Stewart and Mark Jones were team mates since they began to play football as six-year-olds.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Both were members of last year's Newcastle Rosebud United squad from which full-back Jones won a place in the Australian team for the 1985 World Youth Championship while Stewart remained as a stand-by for the team.

But the two have gone their different ways this season and, for the first time, were on opposite sides when Apia-Leichhardt and Newcastle Rosebud played a 1-1 draw at Lambert Park.

On the day, honours were fairly even.

Midfield-forward Stewart produced Apia's 11th minute goal with Jones, given a striker's role for the day, matched only seconds from full-time.

Both players received yellow cards, and while Jones was on the field for the 90 minutes, Stewart was replaced 11 minutes from the end.

Present indications are that both are in line for higher honours in the game.

ULVERSTONE HITS BACK

ULVERSTONE, struggling for most of the season, hit back to win their first league match by downing Launceston United, 5-0, in their second round game at Knights Road.

Joe McGrory fired in a hit-track, and Howe and Dougan added one a piece to finalise the result and start celebrations at their clubrooms.

Juventus continued on their winning way with a solid 2-0 win away to Devonport, a goal coming in each half — one by Mies and the other by Colin Guest.

Burnie hit the ground hard as it crashed to a 5-1 away loss to Croatia; and

Georgetown and Western Suburbs were locked at 0-0 at half-time before Sawdon, Gerry Farrell and an own goal settled the issue.

Boy, what a change!

Jack Johnston, the referee who was in charge of the Australia v Juventus of Italy game in Melbourne when the series was in progress in 1984, took to the field to referee

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TOP WOLVES MAN OUT FOR YEAR

A SHATTERED cartilage and partly ruptured ligaments have left Wollongong's 1986 "player-of-the-year" resigned to sitting out most of the season on the sidelines.

BY BRIAN WOOD

That's the sorry news for Scott Dickson, 22, a youngster whom former Wolves coach Adrian Alston tipped had the goods to, perhaps, one day play for his country.

Dickson, who attends Wollongong University, was injured in a pre-season match.

"I went in for a tackle with my foot up and somehow twisted my leg," he said.

"It just gave way. I knew it was bad because I couldn't stand up and it was hurting like hell.

"It was just one of those things."

Dickson started his career with Polonia in the NSW State League and in 1983 made the move to NSL club, Wollongong.

"I was doing a PE course at Wollongong Uni which made Wollongong the logical club to play for," he said.

"I started in the Youth League that year until May when I was promoted to first grade as a striker.

"I scored a couple of goals, but mostly I was on the bench. With players like Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor in the team I couldn't really complain."

In 1984, Dickson got his big chance against Sydney City.

"There were a lot of injuries that day and Adrian put me on at the back," Scott said.

"I have managed to hold that spot ever since. I like it at the back better because there's a lot more time and all the players are in front of you."

Dickson said he would be out for at least two months, depending on how physiotherapy works with the knee.

"It's just a matter of time now," he said.

During the summer, Dickson shows his all-round sporting talents on

the cricket field.

He is a member of Penrith's first grade cricket team, holding down the wicketkeeper's position and middle order batting spot.

"I had to give the cricket away early because of Soccer," he said.

"As it turned out, I wish I had stuck with the cricket — then maybe I wouldn't be in this fix."



Scott Dickson and his strapped-up knee.

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a number of junior games at the recently held Northern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association's Six-a-Side Carnival.

Among the games he refereed was the final of the Opens division. Played between Norwood and Trevallyn.

It's tremendous to see referees lending their experience to junior ranks ... and just think of the joy the youngsters felt when Jack 'stooped so

low' to help out!!

Launceston Juventus have named a replacement for Savill. The team will

be coached by Leighton Hodge, a long-serving player and member of the club.

Round 2 results:

Juventus d Devonport	2-0
Ulverstone d Launceston United	5-0
Georgetown d West Suburbs	4-0
Croatia d Burnie	5-1
Matric d Riverside Olympic	3-1

Ladder (after Rnd 2):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Juventus	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Georgetown	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Ulverstone	2	1	0	1	5	1	2
Devonport	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Burnie	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Matric	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
Riv. Olympic	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Western Suburbs	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Launc. United	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

Round 3 fixtures:

Matric v Devonport
Juventus v Ulverstone
Launc. United v Western Suburbs
Georgetown v Burnie
Riv. Olympic v Croatia

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Action from Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona as a Gothenburg player (stripes) beats his Barcelona opponent in a chase for the ball.

BARCELONA GET OUT OF JAIL!

ONE of the great escape acts of the European Cup was staged by Barcelona when they won their semi-final against Gothenburg of Sweden after appearing to be all but out of the tournament.

In the first leg at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg, the Swedes built up what looked to be a winning margin when they trounced the wealthy Spaniards 3-0.

Although Barcelona boss Terry Venables predicted the tie could still be won by his team, few shared his optimism.

Yet Venables was proved right when his team won the second leg, also 3-0, in Nou Camp stadium.

With the scores level, the semi-final was settled on penalty kicks, with Barcelona triumphing 5-4.

Before the match, Barcelona's Scottish international Steve Archibald cried off with an injury but the goalscoring honours went to Pichi

Alonso, a player struggling for a first team place.

Alonso scored all three Barcelona goals.

In the final, scheduled for Seville on May 7 where Barcelona will be well supported, Steaua of Bucharest will provide the opposition.

This is the first time a Romanian team has reached the European Cup Final.

Steaua achieved that distinction by winning their semi-final second leg 3-0 against Anderlecht in Bucharest, to give them a 3-1 aggregate victory over the two legs.

Scorers for Steaua were Victor Pitarca (2) and Gavril Balint.

This is certainly Spain's year in European competitions. In addition to Bar-

celona's success, Atletico Madrid reached the final of the Cup Winners competition by beating Bayer Uerdingen and Real Madrid reached the final of the UEFA Cup with a win over Internazionale of Milan.

Real did particularly well to scramble through a cliff-hanger in extra-time for a 5-1 win which gave the Spanish team a 6-4 result on aggregate.

In the UEFA Final, Real will meet Cologne of West Germany, who qualified by winning 7-3 over two legs against Belgium's Waregem.

The Cup Winners Final will be played in Lyons, France on May 2 with Dynamo Kiev of the Soviet Union providing opposition for Atletico Madrid.

"We train for two hours each session. One day we train on a dry track, the next we train on a heavily watered pitch. There can't be any comparison to Australia.

"Now I know what professional Soccer really means.

"Everything is done with a stop-watch in hand plus a doctor present."

ASW: Your major aims in Greece?

JP: "To win the Greek Cup. We have made the semis. Also to help AEK qualify for the European circuit next year."

ASW: Life in Greece?

JP: "It's very good, but hard for me because I'm always homesick. Australia has my family, finance and all my mates. The whole Australian environment is better for me naturally."

ASW: Will you play in Greece again next year?

JP: "Yes I think so. I still have another two years on my contract to serve and really AEK have done everything to

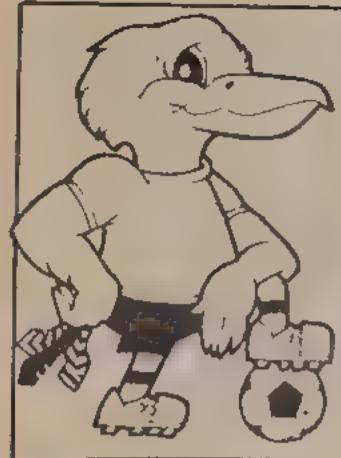
look after me. They have been terrific."

ASW: Will you make any guest appearances whilst you are here for your break?



JP: "No I don't think so. AEK would not be too happy if I did. Even worse, if I had to return here with another injury suffered in the NSL."

"So at this stage I will only be over there for about three weeks as we go into a pre-season camp from July 15 to August 1."



THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



STRUCTURE OF OUR JUNIORS MUST BE REVITALISED



SAYS TONY RACITI

AUSTRALIAN Soccer cannot progress unless the junior game is totally reviewed and re-organised.

We must face reality and realise that we are not producing enough young talent in this country.

There are a few, Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), Alex Bundalo (Apia Leichhardt), Tony Franken (Canberra City) and Frank Farina (Sydney City), but they are only a handful.

Considering the number of juniors participating in the sport, the players coming through the ranks and developing into National Soccer League players is poor to say the least.

Where are the thousands of players who in their junior years were potential State and NSL prospects?

I honestly believe that most of this talent is burnt out, because they have played far to many competitive matches before they even reach the age of 13.

Why do we persist with the set-up we have when the professional and highly successful European nations have a completely diverse set-up.

In Europe junior players are not exposed to heavy competitive matches before they reach the age of thirteen.

Therefore these youngsters are given the opportunity to be taught the pros and cons of the game, but most importantly practice them on the park.

The main reason being that the coach is not placed under the pressure of having 2 points at stake.

Overseas players are able to learn every aspect of the game before he has to put his talents to the test.

However, these players are ready for competitive matches and can adapt to the pressure because they are given time to mature.

Before a player is turned down by teams and coaches, he has been given numerous years of skilled coaching to develop, so there are no excuses.

These players have less chance of being burnt out, bored or believe they have achieved everything there is to be achieved before their time, like their Australian counterparts.

In Australia from the age of eight boys are exposed to pressure football from parents, coaches and clubs. How can they be taught the fundamentals of the game when all the coach is worried about is winning those valuable two points?

In all fairness to the coach he is assessed by his fellow club members and committee by the success he attains on the field.

That is why he cannot afford to guide and demonstrate to players how to develop his game, instead he is forced to teach him such negative defensive aspects such as the offside and aggressive challenging.

These are essential in the game of Soccer, but how will an eight year old appreciate what he is being taught?

These are tactics that an NSL player has difficulty in apprehending and mastering.

Players at this stage should be allowed to run into the park and play for the enjoyment, not for the parents or coaches pride and egos. Therefore learning for them will become Australia's hope for further world youth glory.

I have just finalised the NSW U/19 squad and what a difficult job it was. The standard of players in this age group is very high and some of the players who have just missed out can count themselves unlucky.

The final squad is:

George Bouhoustos — Sydney Olympic, Keith Warren — St George, David Barrett — Sydney City, Craig Moffatt — St George, Paul Edmunds — Blacktown City, Fabian Sacilotto — Sydney City, Paul Quarmby — Blacktown City, David Scott — Blacktown City, John Brown — Wollongong City, Klaus Okon — Marconi, Russell Gendle — Blacktown City, Darren Northam — Blacktown City, Steve Chilas — Sydney Olympic, Chris Ackery — Marconi, David Shute — Penrith City, Scott Ollerenshaw — St George.

Compare this to a semi-professional player in this country who only plays one competitive match a week.

It is a disgraceful situation which should not be tolerated.

Add this to one afternoon training session with

the school side, one with the school rep side, another with their club outfit and a further training session with the Association rep side.

That adds up to four sessions a week, being in Australian Soccer, most of these sessions would be physically demanding.

No wonder these players are fed up with the game and tried before their time.

They are committed to the game more than a semi-professional player.

Taking a look at our Youth League, which begins at the age of thirteen. By the time they reach this stage half the boys playing Soccer are rejected

and turned away.

The majority playing Youth League Soccer have already played five competitive years.

By the end of their Youth League days boys have been playing for nine years and they are then asked to take the enormous step from the Under 16s to Under 19s.

The boys are forced to develop into senior players overnight, as well the risk of serious injury to these youngsters is very high as they have yet to fully develop physically.

Then we ask them to compete in what is the second highest level of the game in this country.

Those strong and talented enough to make

Under 19s have three years to break into the National League side or else be turned away for being too old.

At 19 these boys have incredibly played 11 years of competitive Soccer. Only a handful persist and go on to play in the top grade.

The cost of our system is the thousands of players who were not given the opportunity to succeed.

Players who were living overseas would have been given the chance to develop and learn.

Our junior set-up is wrong and detrimental to the development of talented and exciting young players.

Unless the system is drastically changed and

non-competitive Soccer existing to the age of twelve, then Soccer will never be the force it should be in this country.

The Youth League should commence at 13, through to Under 18s, and then the boys will be

prepared to progress further.

Before this level a youngster should not be playing in organised competitive matches.

Under this system we may be able to produce players of a high calibre.

AHERN IS ALERT

BY FRANK FOWLEY

WHEN it comes to spot a talented junior Soccer player, David Ahern, NSW State coach is a "perspicacious character".

David, 36, was recently appointed as the Riverina area resident NSW State coach and has been coaching the NSWASF Country rep teams for two years.

David a Telecom field supervisor has been playing Soccer since he was five, with the Parramatta RSL. He played as a full back and seven years as a striker. Later he joined the Guilford Wonderers and played senior games with Liverpool Rangers.

He took up coaching at the age of 17. This year he was appointed to coach to NSWASF U/15 squad. He received his Level 3 ticket in 1982.

In the field while coaching David applies the very latest techniques such as Soccer tennis, to sharpen the reflexes and skills of his boys. Off the field he uses child psychology and aptitude tests to gauge the characters of his players.

As his manager I've watched him at Parklea over the Easter weekend while preparing his work for the final selection of the U/15 team.

He has spent hours in his room assessing his paperwork and was in seclusion until he finally made up his mind.

He cares and watches his boys interests.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION 1

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

Nepean v Blacktown City	0-5	0-2	0-2	1-0
Melita v Illawarra	1-3	4-3	7-0	1-0
Apia v Marconi	4-1	0-2	0-1	1-1
Canterbury v Gladesville	0-2	1-0	1-1	0-1
Olympic v St George	1-1	4-1	1-0	3-2

DIVISION 2

Manly v Granville	0-4	1-4	0-1	2-1
Sydney City v Nth Bankstown	1-2	6-0	0-2	2-1
Sthn Districts v Sutherland	3-1	2-0	1-2	3-0
Cent Coast v Ku-ring-gai	2-2	4-1	3-1	0-1
Avala v Macarthur	2-3	3-1	0-1	1-1

DIVISION 3

Rockdale v Canterbury	6-0	4-1	8-1	2-1
Polonia v C'town	2-1	0-3	1-5	0-4
Auburn v Bankstown	5-3	2-1	0-4	1-2
Urug v Croatia	0-7	0-9	0-0	0-5



Les Scheinflug, National Youth Squad Coach, will be busy.

JUNIOR REPS TO BE IN COUNTRY?

"EVERY effort will be made in 1987 to get the cream of country junior players so we can enlist them for the NSWASF's Country representative teams," said Lindsay Cosgrove the new chairman of the country teams.

He first became involved in Soccer in 1970 when his two sons, five and six, started to play the game for East Goulburn. Later he got involved at Association level as delegate from East Goulburn club to the Southern Tablelands Soccer Association.

BY FRANK FINLAY

First he was elected as registrar, then publicity officer, president and secretary of the Association.

In 1981 Cosgrove was awarded life membership of the same Association. Two years later he received life membership of the Southern Branch. He is the second person to hold this distinction.

In 1973 he became a delegate in the Southern Branch and later served as secretary, vice-president and registrar.

He has coached Association rep teams and Southern NSW teams at State championships.

In 1979 he coached the Southern Tablelands rep side and went to NZ islands on an 18-day tour.

Last year he was the manager of the U/13 NSWASF's Country rep team.

"I feel Country Representative Soccer is only just beginning and already plans are well advanced for next year. This should include a full week coaching course at Parklea in January, 1987. At the Easter Camp the team will concentrate on team work in preparation for the tour to Queensland," said Cosgrove.

"It is my belief that we are still not getting to the very best Country players and a big effort will be made to try and correct this. "This will be done by the Branch Regional coaches going out into the Country looking at more players and will need the

local Associations and Branches assisting as well."

The main problem to

contend with is the vast distances players have to travel to selection trials as some boys travel anywhere from four to eight

hours to get to Valentine Park for trials and because of this we must have only the very best players attending," he concluded.



Junior action. Possibly the Junior championships will be taken to the country.

DALGLEISH TO FEEL THE PINCH

BY GEORGE CHURCHWARD

BY the end of 1986 Soccer season Vic Dalgleish should be feeling very tried.

Earlier in the year Vic was appointed Penrith City coach, and with third grade coach Ron Heeps having to resign because of work commitments, he took over the coaching of the younger players.

Two weeks ago, not content with the progress of the Under 15 Metropolitan Youth League team, Director of Coaching in the Nepean Association, Vince Bazzan, had the coach replaced, and who took over the job, Vic Dalgleish.

He now has another coaching position, and no

doubt, after the performance of the National Under 16 team, at the last Under 16 World Cup, thoroughly deserves it.

This position will entail him watching the Under 15 National Junior Titles, at Canberra, in the first week of the May school holidays.

It is proposed after that to put a selected squad into camp for the second week. Fortunately, Vic works for the Department of Education.

A senior NSW Staff Coach, Vic constantly assists, under the guidance

of State Director of Coaching, Alan Vest, with courses at Parklea, and other centres.

Vic Dalgleish holds a record that will probably never be beaten. He coached the NSW. Under 12, 13, 14 & 15 teams to victory in the National Junior Championships, in successive years from 1976 to 1979. From these teams emerged such players as Paul Daley, Tom McCulloch, Ray Vilestra, Rod Brown, and Michael McLaughlin. A proud record for any coach.

CARTWRIGHT ON DOLE

JOHN CARTWRIGHT is on the dole after resigning as assistant manager to Don Howe at Arsenal.

Just nine months ago, Cartwright was boss of the Kuwait Sporting club, picking up a tax-free \$6,000 a week.

Howe offered him the Arsenal No 2 position and Cartwright quit his job in Kuwait to accept it.

With Terry Venables apparently due to move in as Arsenal manager, Cartwright knew his future at Highbury was doubtful.

"Venable always works with Allan Harris as his offsider and I could

have been left in limbo," said Cartwright.

"Apart from that," added Cartwright, "there was a principle at stake. I felt grieved about what happened to Don Howe."

John Cartwright will not be out of work long. He has already had several phone calls from the Middle East to check if he is available.

Australians fans should remember Cartwright — he was manager of England's 1981 Youth team which played in Australia in the World Championship.



TONY WOODCOCK in action for Arsenal. John Cartwright has left Highbury

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JUNIORS KICK-OFF IN NORTH TASMANIA

THE Northern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association's 1986 season was kicked-off by over 600 children on Sunday, April 6, when they participated in the annual six-a-side carnival.

The N.T.P.S.A. caters for children playing Soccer during their primary school years and covers Launceston and surrounding towns.

BY JOHN TSCHERPELIS

Its formation took place over 15 years ago — on October 14, 1971, in fact. Jim Witheford, a stalwart of junior Soccer in Tasmania, played a large part in the formation of this body, and with Frank Duffy, Ross Wesson and Gary James, became the first office-bearers.

Jim approached various schools in the Launceston area and as a result, eight teams were organised to play a competition during November and December of that year — the Twilight Cup.

The success of this gathering prompted a winter competition, organised in 1972, and since continued.

Trevallyn and Ravenswood were two of the teams in the Twilight Cup competition. Riverside, Charles Street, St Leonards, Summerdale, Rocherlea and Mayfield were other teams to set the stage for a competition

at now caters for over 80 teams — some 800 players (boys and girls) — at primary school level.

All are trying to enjoy their sport and possibly paving their way to senior

stardom — the State team or National team. Few make it.

The Primary Association is highly organised.

For this, the Association is greatly indebted to senior clubs. At the early stage of its history, the Association had to rely on the use of senior clubs' grounds. Nowadays, many primary schools have their own grounds and almost all games are played there. Credit must also go to the coaches who played a major part in organising and training each of the teams and to the many parents who have come forward to help their teams and foster Soccer at this level.

They coach, shout encouragement as spectators, wash the dirty shirts, provide transport and many other tasks that are necessary for the smooth running of the teams.

And, for the first time in the history of the Association, it has secured a major sponsor.

Island State Credit Union has agreed to provide \$2000 towards the running costs of the Association. Some of that money will go towards the introduction of the 'Top Skills Awards Scheme' which will replace the 'McDonalds Socceros Super-skills Awards Scheme'.

Over 2000 people attended the carnival. 72

six-a-side teams — about 600 children — played 200 games on 10 grounds, to which the President of the Association, Tom Strickland, could only say 'it was a tremendous success'.

Riverside won the Enrico Visentin Perpetual Trophy — a trophy symbolising the dedication of the services to primary Soccer in the area by the late Enrico Visentin. It is awarded annually to the school/club which, after the carnival, has gained the best aggregate result.



Tassie Junior

The aggregate is judged by awarding points to all teams which reach the semi-finals of their groups.

Finals winners were:
U/9 West Launceston d Riverside 2-0.
U/10 Riverside d St Leonards 3-1.
U/11 West Launceston d Punchbowl 2-1.
Opens Norwood d Trevallyn 4-1.

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- 2 Paraguay
- 3 Uruguay
- 4 Spain
- 5 Argentina
- 6 Czechoslovakia
- 7 Japan
- 8 Portugal

TRAVELS FOR AUSTRALIAN INDOOR SOCCER TEAMS THIS YEAR

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation teams are among the most travelled of any Australian sport.

This year the various teams will travel to:

- Under 14 ... United States, November
- Under 15 ... Brazil
- Under 16 ... United States
- Under 17 ... Argentina, Uruguay, Chile
- Under 18 ... Canada
- Under 20 ... Argentina, United States
- Under 23 ... Argentina

The Senior Mens team to Brazil.

The senior ladies team will host Canada and the United States in a series of matches in Australia.

THE BALL

The saloon football used in Indoor Soccer is entirely different to that used for outdoor Soccer. It is smaller, doesn't bounce and is difficult to buy ... at the moment.

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation is in the process of acquiring a huge quantity of balls and enquiries as to availability should be directed to the Federation: P.O. Box 135, Revesby NSW 2212. Phone 02-771 1677 or in Canberra to P.O. Box 2079 Canberra City 2601 phone 062-41 4957.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORLD FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The official contract for the staging of the world titles signed by Januario D'Alessio Neto (president of FIFUSA) Dene Moore (Australian Federal Government representative) Joe Brent (president AISF) Denis Murray (executive director AISF).

The contract calls for Australia to provide air tickets for nine players plus one referee for the 20 competing nations, \$30,000 US, and in exchange the AISF has world television rights in all countries except Brazil.

WHAT WAS THAT?

I WAS interested to hear the Australian Soccer Federation's reaction to the news that the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation had won the exclusive rights to stage the World "Futsal" or Indoor Soccer Championships.

Basically the ASF says that the AISF or FIFUSA the world indoor body is not recognised by FIFA or the ASF.

BY JOHNNY MURRAY

So what.

Indoor Soccer has nothing to do with the outdoor game.

It is a totally different game, as different as squash and tennis if you like, and has run its own championships and world body since 1936!!

The differences between the two games are considerable.

Indoor is played with an entirely different ball, on an entirely different area with an entirely different set of laws.

Even technically the games are vastly different.

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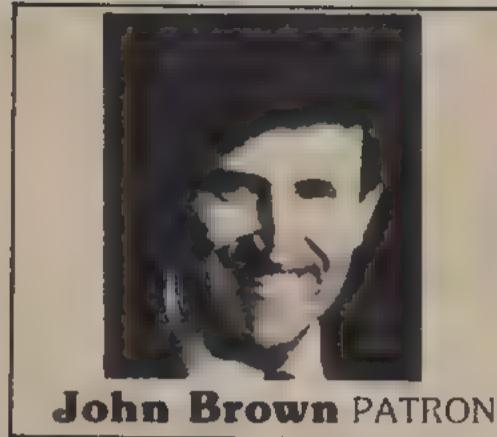
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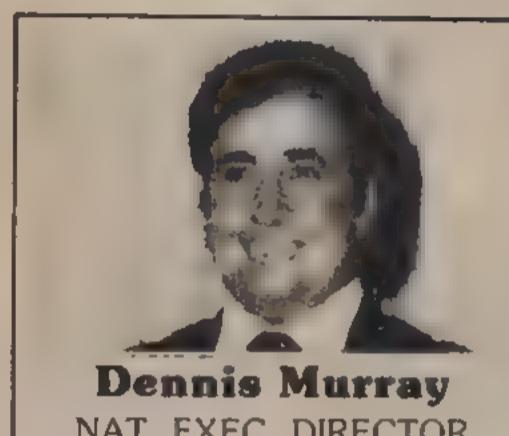
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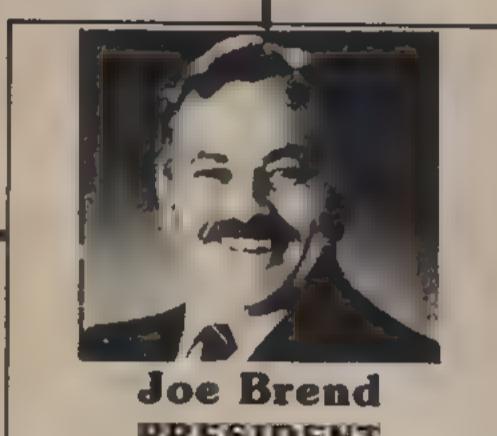
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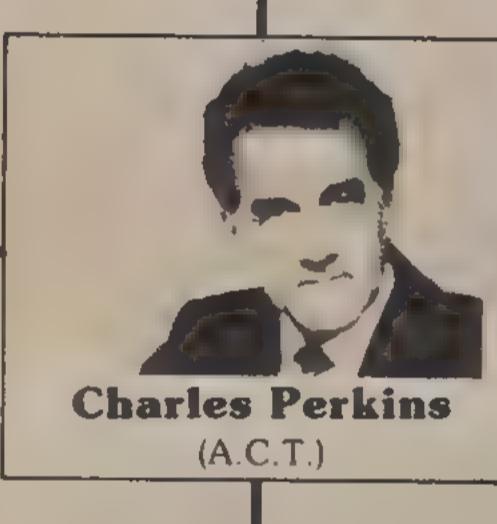
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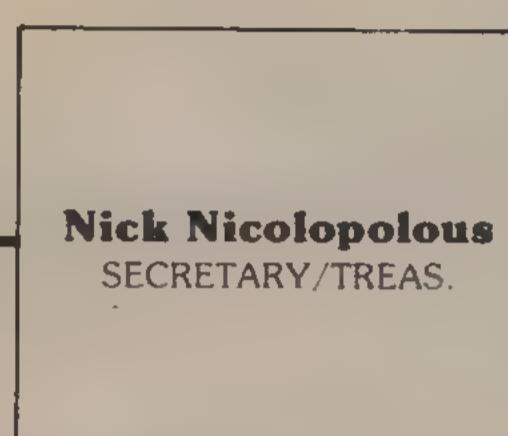
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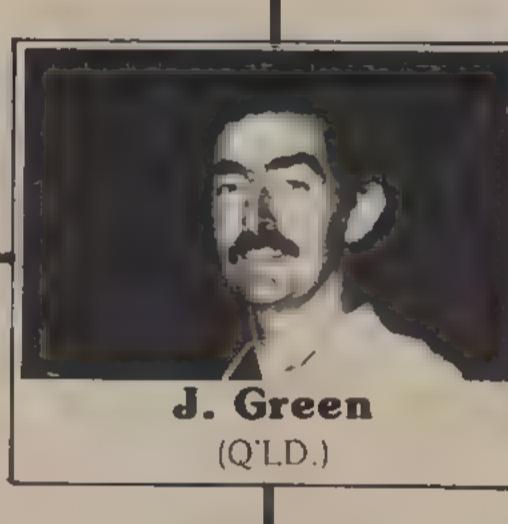
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LIKELY FINALISTS

NOT unlike the world outdoor championships Indoor Soccer's World Cup features a series of elimination games.

For the 1988 World Cup Australia as host automatically qualifies.

Six South American nations qualify — most probably Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay and Colombia.

Europe will have three representatives from the leading indoor countries which are Spain, Portugal, West Germany, France, Czechoslovakia and Holland.

North and Central America will have one rep from United States, Costa Rica, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Oceania, one, with other reps from Africa, China, and Asia where Japan is undisputed Asian champion and rated seventh in world standings at the moment.



World Cup team on venue in Spain 1985.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	3	2	1	0	11	2	5
Avala	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Polonia	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
Manly Warringah	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
Sutherland	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Uruguayan	3	1	1	1	4	7	3
Warringah	3	1	0	2	7	8	2
Wollongong	3	1	0	2	2	3	9
Fairy Meadow	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Rockdale Linden	3	0	0	3	5	10	0
Penrith City	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

WOLLONGONG
MACEDONIA 2
ROCKDALE LINDEN 0

WOLLONGONG
Macedonia knocked off Rockdale Linden in the all-Macedonian derby at the South Coast 2-0 in front of a crowd of some 2000 people.

In the 25th minute a 20 metre drive from John Bingham opened the scoring... a goal which sent the crowd wild.

The score remained the same till half-time. Rockdale could have in fact gone into the break ahead as Nastevski had a couple of good chances.

With 10 minutes re-

maining a cross from the left had Dean Gardner heading home at the far post.

Rockdale showed themselves to be very vulnerable with a quarter of an hour remaining and only bad finishing from their opponents kept the score down.

**MELITA EAGLES 2,
SUTHERLAND SHIRE 0**

MELITA EAGLES and Sutherland Shire, first and second respectively last week in the NSW State League, played out a hard fought match at Melita Stadium which the home side won 2-0 after the first half was scoreless.

By this time Ray Farrugia had well and truly set his stamp on the match. One of his drives had Birchmore extended to the extreme.

Melita once again squandered opportunities and Wilson's header against the post was yet another example.

In the 81st minute Harrington may have levelled

the first half was a scrappy affair with neither side readily able to make the big play.

In the 49th minute Birol Zertbas made a great run and cross that Ray Farrugia knocked on to Kenny Wilson who headed over.

Then Billy Griffiths burst wide on the left to find Farnsworth in the area. Craig Birchmore came out to block the shot but the rebound was slammed in by Warren Dalton.

In the 54th minute Craig Williams played a through ball to Zertbas who returned the compliment to Williams. The ball was chipped over the full-back into the path of Wayne Farnsworth whose powerful drive rattled the post.

Soon after, Burrows of Sutherland went perilously close to scoring an own goal, something he avoided by a scrambling clearance centimetres from the goal-line.

In the 60th minute Sutherland made one of their few chances nearly count. Craig Hall played a ball to Harrington who in turn fed Hughes, whose cross went skimming across the face of goal when it needed only a touch.

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the scores but his shot went sailing over the bar.

Then came the best action of the match as Melita forward Wayne Farnsworth exploded out of his own half and dribbled the ball past player after player. He entered the Sutherland area before being brought to grief by the keeper. Birol Zertbas was elected to take the penalty kick and scored. 2-0.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Tredinnick, Wilson, McCoy, Vial, Farmiga, Seriba, Farnsworth, Dalton, Griffiths.

SUTHERLAND: Birchmore, Neeson, Sellar, Terry, Burrows, Cashman, Del Forno, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Hall.

**KU-RING-GAI 2,
PENRITH CITY 0**

KU-RING-GAI defied Penrith's stacked defence at Cook Park to take the match 2-0.

Ku-ring-gai attacked continually and Penrith were under immense pressure throughout the match.

Penrith showed little zest and enthusiasm.

In the 26th minute, with a free kick from 40 metres, Peter Tkachuk drove a shot into the net.

Bass and Nile both had shots well saved by Paul Townsend who made a number of fine saves which kept his team in the game.

The second half was a lot busier. Penrith could have equalised in the 50th minute but two of the Panthers squandered opportunities.

Peter Kerrigan then cleared a Craig Bass header to keep the score at 1-0.

David Kevern and Neale Williamson put together a nice move, Kevern went through and drove a shot that Micky Cross helped into the net.

Nile was again defied by the keeper.

Tkachuk took another free-kick that was saved.

Penrith just didn't have the goods. Without Ian Hunter their attack lacked the necessary zip.

SA Results

S'bury P W D L F A Pts

C'town 5 4 1 0 9 1 9

Croatia 5 4 1 0 9 3 9

Hellas 5 3 1 1 6 3 7

Azzurri 5 2 2 1 3 4 8

5 3 0 2 8 7 6

Salisbury 3, Berkalla 0, Azzurri 3

Elizabeth 1, Beograd 2, Polonia 0,

Croatia 1 C'town 1, Modbury 1 Para

Hills 0, Lion 1 Hellas 1.

NORTHERN NSW

NORTHERN NSW

RESULTS (North)

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

WORLD CUP MATCHES FOR AUSTRALIA

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION (AWSA), is making a determined bid to get at least part of the qualifying matches for the first Women's World Cup in 1988, to be played here in Australia, with Sydney at this stage ranking highly as the venue.

Our national team has not played on Australian soil since 1979 when it met New Zealand.

Scant details are available at this stage but FIFA, Soccer's world governing body, has already decided that 16 nations will compete in the inaugural World Cup.

The dates or venue for the Finals themselves, have not been determined but is almost definitely expected to be an Asian country.

Over the last two years, Japan and Hong Kong have been two suggested "arenas" bandied around political corridors.

Meanwhile, the AWSA is simultaneously trying to stage the next Oceania Cup tournament here in Australia.

At this stage it is being considered whether it will be late this year, (probably November) or early next year, around March.

The first Oceania Cup won by New Zealand, was played in 1983 in New Caledonia where the Kiwis defeated Australia in the Final 3-2 to take the Cup across the Tasman.

The second Oceania Cup just completed in New Zealand, saw the

Cup leave Christchurch for Taipei City when Taiwan in the Final, beat Australia again by the misleading scoreline of 4-1.

Australia has qualified for both Cup Finals and has returned home unrewarded.

Maybe the next one will be third time lucky.

FIFA could in fact use the Oceania Cup as a "qualifier" for the World Cup.

The World Soccer body will meet on May 24 to discuss proposals put for-

ward by the Oceania Women's Football Confederation about future tournaments.

An answer is expected from FIFA by early June.

National coach, Fred Robins, was pleased to hear the news that his squad could soon be playing in front of our own crowds.

"Such a move would automatically promote Women's Soccer greatly here."

"This would be done by just the mere fact of creat-

ing a far greater public awareness of the national team playing in front of their own crowd," Robins commented.

Australia's captain, Susan Monteath, was also pleased on hearing the AWSA's aims.

"This is great news.

"Since I first came into the national team some 12 years ago, I think I've only played a couple of matches here in Australia," the blonde Queenslander reflected.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BILL FENNIE, like diamonds, could be said to be "A girl's best friend".

"I would be lost without him. In fact he has won a few NSL championships for me with his magic fingers."

And Thomson wasn't kidding.

In 1982 for example, Sydney City was hit with a heavy injury list. And it was Bill through the magic of his fingers, that kept up a supply of patched-up players for Thomson to have to put on the playing pitch.

Since retiring from the National Soccer League scene, Bill's expertise was soon recognised by the girls and was snapped up by State side, Northern NSW.

During his seven years with the champions, Bill soon became the most important man in the club. Sydney City players from John Kosmina through Murray Barnes down to the goalkeeper, always kept a sharp lookout at training sessions to see if Bill was there.

In fact his boss, Eddie Thomson the coach, once told me:

The AWSA was just as quick in learning of Bill's magic, and he was drafted into the National squad that travelled to Taiwan in 1984 for the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament.

The national players after being looked after for

so long by Queensland's very popular Jan Monteath, were at first a little apprehensive with having a male medical officer to attend to their cuts, corks, knocks and strappings.

But within a day in Taipei City, Bill's gentle nature, sharp vision and magic fingers, rapidly won their confidence.

Once the national team has booked and settled into their hotel when on tour, Bill sets up shop.

Large zip-bags open up, spilling out a multitude of ointments, creams, tapes, tablets, ray-lamps, ultrasound guns etc, ready for his army of "patients" that soon queue up at his door for attention.

Bill Fennie looked after our girls again recently in New Zealand during the Oceania Cup Tournament.

The girls would be lost without Bill. But then again I tend to think that Bill now, would be lost without the girls.



AUSTRALIA's 1986 Oceania Cup squad in Christchurch

AWSA GRATEFUL TO SPONSORS OF OUR NATIONAL SQUAD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE AWSA, through their National Executive Director, Ms Heather Reid, last week expressed gratitude to various Australian bodies and companies that helped out with sponsorships.

A group of sponsors greatly aided the Australian Women's squad that travelled to New Zealand for the second Oceania Cup Tournament.

Ms Reid stated: "The AWSA is very grateful for the various financial sponsorships it has received for the National squad travelling to New Zealand.

"And here I would like to acknowledge the involvement of the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and Rolls Royce (Australia) which totalled \$11,500."

Ms Reid went on to say: "In addition, products and services were provided at minimal costs by Puma, Coca Cola, Attack, Adidas and S.O.S. surgical supplies.

"To all these firms the AWSA is grateful," Ms Reid said from Canberra.

The AWSA

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National Executive Director, Heather Reid.



BILL FENNIE, seen here treating the Australian skipper, Susan Monteath's right injured ankle with ultra-sound equipment recently in New Zealand.

A relaxed looking Susan, tells that again, Bill Fennie is "spot-on".

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DESPITE the hate mail Brian Marwood is battling on and attempts to force his way into the England squad.

Ace Ian keeps it in the family ▶

IAN SNODIN of Leeds is on the verge of a remarkable family hat-trick.

He scooped our award last year as top Third Division performer, with Doncaster. Now he's battling for top spot in the Second Division charts with Shrewsbury veteran Gerry Daly.

Five years ago brother Glynn took the Fourth Division award to Doncaster.

Yet Ian admits his move to Second Division Leeds has backfired. "I expected to be joint-

ing a club pushing for promotion," he said. "It hasn't quite worked out like that, and they sacked the manager who signed me — Eddie Gray."

Gray was replaced by Billy Bremner, the Doncaster manager who had sold Snodin.

Big brother Glynn out-flanked Ian by leaving Doncaster for First Division Sheffield Wednesday, but there is no jealousy.

"I was delighted for Glynn because Wednesday was always his favourite club," said Ian. "We seem to be making a habit of winning the People's ratings."

Has speculation about an Everton bid tempted Snodin into thinking of another move?

He says: "I know there is interest but I'm under contract for another season."

OXFORD striker Billy Hamilton is working against time to be fit for Northern Ireland in the World Cup.

Hamilton has had three operations on an injured knee but is now back training and has had a couple of matches.

"I'm determined to get in as many games as possible before the World Cup squad is chosen," said the Irishman.

MARWOOD MAULED!

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY striker Brian Marwood is not the most popular player in the UK these days.

Because of his decision to move from Hull City to Wednesday he has become the target of abuse from his former fans at Hull. Is this because he has been very successful in his short stay at his new club?

He has received immense amounts of hate mail.

But Marwood is unperturbed and after helping Wednesday to the FA Cup Semi-Finals where they went down 2-1 to Everton, Marwood is eyeing a spot in Bobby Robson's squad bound for the Mexican World Cup.

Below ASW reproduces an article about the player which appeared in the English football magazine, SHOOT.

MARVEL MARWOOD - but *not* England class

Brian Marwood, who 18 months ago was a little-known forward with Third Division Hull City, is rapping loudly on the door of England manager Bobby Robson.

Snapped-up for £100,000 by Howard Wilkinson, 25-year-old Marwood now provides the ammunition for Sheffield Wednesday's forward cannons Lee Chapman and Garry Thompson as they bear menacingly on the First Division leaders.

His pace, trickery and ability to score goals as well as make them has caught the eye, as has Marwood's consistency.

But modest Marwood is keeping a low profile and will only concede: "I'm delighted to be mentioned in

conversations about England, but I am still a little staggered by the way my career has taken off at club level.

"I took a while to adjust but now I am confident and feel I belong in the First Division.

Freedom

"The manager gives me the freedom to roam across the front line so I dislike being described as a winger. That gives the impression that I hog the touchlines. I can cross the ball with either foot in comfort but I can also score goals when the chances arise.

"Yes, I'm flattered to be considered a possible for the England squad, but being realistic it's an outside chance and I am careful not to get carried away with the publicity.

"Wednesday's Championship challenge is uppermost in my mind."

Ian Snodin (left) is going well in the Sunday People ratings - as the story on left illustrates.



IS SPEEDIE TOO BIG A RISK FOR WORLD CUP?

DAVE SPEEDIE is one of Scotland's trump cards for the World Cup but his critics - and his friends - fear his behaviour in matches would make him an expensive player to take to Mexico.

Speedie of Chelsea, who was in Scotland's World Cup squad against Australia, is constantly in trouble with referees and it seems he just cannot cure himself of this weakness.

Last season, Speedie was suspended four times. This season, he has again been in hot water constantly.

Speedie was in trouble with his first club, Barnsley, where he was sacked because his tongue got him in strife.

Barnsley's boss at that time was Allan Clarke, the former England World Cup centre-forward, and Clarke has now stated: "Speedie was always in trouble with referees. It's in his character. He will never be any different.

Clarke sold Speedie to Darlington - and that is really the end of the line - for \$10,000.

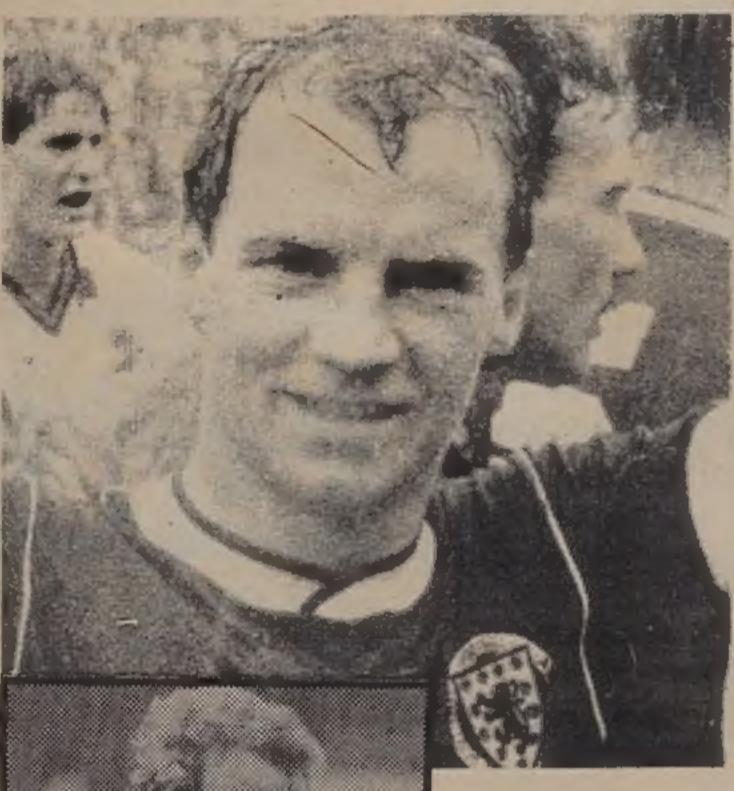
Darlington secretary David Thorne recalls: "His nicknames at Darlington were Grumpy and Rats. They sum him up rather well."

The Darlington manager Billy Elliott remembers the problems he had with Speedie. "I sometimes felt like strangling him in the dressing room. But the lad wants to win - that's

all," said Elliott.

The big question now facing Scotland boss Alex Ferguson is... can Scotland afford to take the risk of

including a player of Speedie's temperament to Mexico where refereeing will be stricter than ever before?



(Above and Left) DAVID SPEEDIE pictured in club and country colours. The word is he may be a risk in Mexico for the Scots.



The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Liverpool	39	23	10	6	81	37	79
Everton	38	24	7	7	78	38	79
Man Utd	40	21	9	10	65	35	72
Chelsea	38	20	11	7	55	45	71
West Ham	36	21	6	9	58	33	68
Sheff Wed	39	15	9	12	56	51	68
Luton	40	17	11	12	57	41	62
Arsenal	38	18	10	12	58	45	62
Newcastle	39	16	12	11	63	41	60
Tottenham	39	16	8	15	60	45	56
Q.P.R.	40	12	7	18	50	37	52
Southampton	38	12	9	17	50	57	52
Man City	38	11	11	11	41	52	44
Aston Villa	38	9	14	17	46	62	41
Coventry	40	10	10	20	46	60	49
Leicester	39	9	12	18	52	70	39
Spurs	39	10	8	21	28	58	38
Oxford	38	8	12	18	55	75	36
Birmingham	40	8	10	12	57	57	29
W.M.A.	39	4	10	25	36	63	22

DIVISION TWO

Norwich	39	24	9	6	80	35	81
Portsmouth	35	21	15	12	65	39	68
Wimbledon	37	18	11	8	52	35	65
Charlton	37	18	10	9	57	43	64
Cryst Pal	39	18	12	12	50	46	62
Hull	39	15	11	11	61	52	58
Sheff Utd	39	16	9	14	60	60	70
Oldham	39	15	9	15	57	37	53
Millwall	39	15	8	16	51	59	53
Barnsley	39	13	7	16	57	58	42
Huddersfield	40	14	10	16	50	64	52
Stoke	38	12	15	11	44	47	51
Leeds	39	14	8	14	52	55	50
Grimsby	39	13	10	16	55	57	49
Shrewsbury	39	13	9	17	43	58	48
Bradford	37	14	5	18	45	54	47
Blackburn	40	11	13	16	50	58	46
Sunderland	39	11	11	17	42	58	44
Carlisle	38	12	7	19	42	64	43
Middlesbrough	39	11	9	19	38	49	42
Fulham	38	9	23	12	42	61	33

DIVISION THREE

Reading	42	27	7	8	64	47	88
Derby	39	21	12	5	71	34	75
Wigan	42	21	12	9	75	44	75
Plymouth	42	22	9	11	75	51	75
Gillingham	43	20	13	10	76	51	73
Walsall	44	20	13	15	86	62	69
York	42	18	9	15	66	53	73
Notts City	42	17	12	13	63	58	72
Doncaster	46	16	15	13	56	52	61
Brentford	42	17	10	15	53	56	61
Bristol C	41	16	12	13	60	54	60
Blackpool	41	16	11	14	62	45	59
Rotherham	43	14	12	17	56	54	54
Bournemouth	43	15	9	19	64	65	54
Bristol R	42	14	9	19	47	59	51
Bolton	42	14	8	26	52	57	50
Darlington	37	15	13	13	54	61	50
Bury	42	12	13	18	56	61	45
Newport	42	9	16	17	47	64	43
Cardiff	44	11	9	24	50	79	42
Swansea	43	11	9	23	42	81	42
Lincoln	41	9	18	18	49	70	41
Wolves	43	9	10	24	48	50	37

DIVISION FOUR

Swindon	42	28	6	8	70	38	90
Chester	43	21	15	7	78	47	78
Port Vale	42	20	15	7	78	39	75
Mansfield	41	21	10	16	67	44	75
Hartlepool	43	20	9	14	64	57	60
Oriente	42	17	12	13	70	59	63
Stockport	44	17	12	15	62	67	63
Northamp	43	17	9	17	74	55	60
Crewe	43	17	9	17	52	57	60
Hereford	43	16	10	17	70	69	58

DIVISION ONE

Southend	42	16	10	16	81	62	58
Colchester	41	15	12	14	73	59	57
Burnley	42	16	9	17	56	57	57
Exeter	43	13	14	16	44	54	53
Wrexham	43	15	8	20	61	77	53
Tranmere	43	15	7	21	72	70	52
Aldershot	42	13	7	20	58	57	52
Hull	41	13	12	16	55	53	51
Southport	42	12	14	16	45	52	50
Rochdale	42	12	11	16	45	52	49
Peterborough	42	11	8	15	45	52	49
Cambridge	43	11	8	21	59	77	49
Preston	43	11	8	24	51	82	41
Torquay	43	9	10	24	42		

SIR ALF DUCKS OUT OF MOVIE

WHATEVER happened to England's Class of '66, winners of the World Cup at Wembley?

One London newspaper has checked on the 11 players who took England to victory over West Germany.

Nobby Stiles, Jack Charlton, Bobby Moore, Alan Ball, and Bobby Charlton are still involved, to some degree, with football.

The others, Gordon Banks, George Cohen, Ray Wilson, Roger Hunt, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters are all out of the game, although goalkeeper Banks does some coaching of Aston Villa goals.

What is more, none of those former stars is really missing the game.

But for nostalgia buffs, there is a treat in store in a new 90-minute television

film called "The Boys of '66 — England's Last Glory."

With commentary from Mike Parkinson, the movie captures the way those great players were in 1966 — and the way they are now.

It is described by one reviewer as "a jewel."

Only one person refused to become involved in the making — and he was, perhaps, the most important of the lot, team manager Alf Ramsey.

Sir Alf tends to keep right out of football affairs these days and there is no doubt he still feels he was let down by the English FA who did not renew his contract for the 1974 World Cup after England failed in Mexico in 1970.



Above and Below: Action from the 1966 World Cup Final as Geoff Hurst scores his controversial second goal. What has happened to the 1966 English team?



McMENEMY MAY QUIT AS BOSS

IT had to happen. Rumours are sweeping Wearside that Lawrie McMenemy is being given the old heave-ho by Sunderland.

But how can directors sack a fellow director?

McMenemy was persuaded to take over as Sunderland manager only when he was given a seat on the board and the title of managing director.

He was also, by the way, given a salary of a fantastic \$6,000 a week, making him probably the highest-paid boss of any British club.

But the miracles Sunderland expected from

McMenemy did not transpire. Instead, the team started the season with a dreadful run of failure and the situation has hardly improved at all.

As one Sunderland fan observed: "We don't have to pay a huge salary to the manager for the team to be relegated. It can be done much more cheaply."

Tom Cowie, Sunderland's millionaire chairman, strongly denies that he has asked the manager

to resign. "A load of rubbish," he calls that story.

McMenemy, too, denied he has been asked to pack his bags. "It's absolutely and totally untrue," said Lawrie.

Nevertheless, it seems the friendly relationship between Cowie and McMenemy has been severely strained recently.

They appear to be both unhappy men, caused, naturally, by the team's miserable 1985-86 season.



One of McMenemy's trumps — BARRY VENISON

AFRICAN REFEREE SAW RED IN BIG CUP MATCH!

REFEREE Mohammed Hassan Kouf brought a premature halt to last week's African Cup-Winners Cup match between Ismailia and Tempete Mocaf.

There was a quarter of an hour to go and Egypt's Ismailia were leading 3-0 when the referee sent off a Mocaf player, Tigiro, for allegedly striking an opponent.

Tigiro took one look at the red card and proceeded to show his disapproval by punching the ref on the nose.

The unfortunate whistler fell to the ground with blood gushing from his nose and required treatment from a trainer.

Once recovered, Mohammed Hassan Kouf went to the centre spot and declared the match ended, although there were still 15 minutes to go.

The 3-0 result in Ismailia's favour will stand and the Egyptians have gone into the second round.

The referee was not the only person to suffer at the hands of the Mocaf team from the Central African Republic.

When Hamdi Noah scored Ismailia's third goal with a header in the 72nd minute, he was pursued the full length of the pitch by three Mocaf players who punched and kicked him!

That goal really settled the cup-tie because Ismailia were beaten 2-0 in the first leg played in Bangui.

Clearly, the Tempete Mocaf players were not prepared to accept defeat without a fight.

BACK TO THOSE GOOD DAYS

HUNGARIAN football fans are convinced they now have a national team capable of matching the feats of the great Magyars of the 1950's.

When Hungary slaughtered Brazil 3-0 recently, there were 300,000 applications for the 70,000 tickets at the Nep Stadion in Budapest.

After the victory, Hungary's coach Gyorgy Mezey, said: "I was proud of my players. There has not been so much excitement since the days of Puskas and those memorable matches against England in 1953."

Could Hungary be this year's World Cup dark horses?

RANGERS QUICK OFF THE MARK FOR TOP SCOT

ARSENAL, without a manager since Don Howe walked out a few weeks ago, entertained ideas to sign up Graeme Souness from Italy's Sampdoria.

They were all set to offer the Scottish World Cup captain a lucrative deal to take over at Highbury but were beaten to the punch by Glasgow Rangers.

And most of the tipsters named Tottenham Hotspur as the club. But Souness stated an offer he had received from London did NOT come from Spurs.

All very interesting.

It would be strange if Arsenal had difficulty getting a new team manager after making an approach to Terry Venables in Barcelona.

Venables undoubtedly would like to live and work in England but it now seems likely he will have one final year with Barcelona before leaving Spain.

That shouldn't be too tough to take. El Tel is with the richest club in the world and he won't be short of pesetas if he stays put.



GRAEME SOUNESS
Just before Souness agreed to join Rangers, the strong tip was that he would be joining a leading London club.

URUGUAY EXPECT TO WIN

GROUP "E" in the World Cup promises some of the hardest battles of the whole competition.

The nations involved are Scotland, Denmark, West Germany and Uruguay.

Omár Borras, Uruguay's coach, has been spying on the other three teams and say he is satisfied with what he's seen.

"It would be stupid for my players to steamroller their way through such opposition," said Borras.

"Our opponents are too strong. The only way to overcome them is by pure skill."

"They can match Uruguay tackle for tackle in effort and courage, but we have the edge in individual ball skills."

"In the Mexican climate, those skills will see Uruguay triumph."

'PICK MARK' SAYS BALL

MARK HATELEY was a sensation when he first started knocking in goals for A.C. Milan in Italy but the Englishman is not earning rave reviews any more.

Indeed, there has been talk that he will not win a spot in England's World Cup line-up, due to the regular goalscoring of Gary Lineker and Kerry Dixon.

One man who feels England MUST select Hateley is Alan Ball, who was manager of Hateley's English club, Portsmouth.

Said Ball: "Since going to Italy, everyone in the

world has taken note of Hateley's pace, power and aggression. But his most valuable asset could be his reputation.

"Some international defenders will be petrified by this lad. The word has spread that he is not a player to take liberties with, so many of his opponents will start at a big disadvantage when they face him."



MARK HATELEY